attend school.
ont and family spent the
Berlin, N. H.
uett went to Bethel last
attend the installation of
n.
Quint was a recent visit.
thier of Lewiston has em-
Leighton's mill.

RINK MORE!
more bottled
That's your
ntee of health.
it from us in
cher Bottles.
s your guarantee
best measure.
F. CHAPMAN
ETHEL, MAINE
Jersey Milk
se Thatcher Hon-
easure Milk Bottles
say a Quart—they mean it
says
upply any periodical
d anywhere in any
e, at publishers'
less, and can guaran-
prices to be as low
be secured legiti-
in any other way.
ake care of all the
of forwarding sub-
s, delayed and miss-
es, and change of
for my customers.
Brown, Bethel, Maine
that's Service
e you need just
t in your Bath
Room, or per-
Room, and do
use any more
n the furnace.
Heater
use an Oil Heater
h each stove.
NCERT
ETHEL
29, 1924
k
rk Artists
r, Contralto
d,
ous Violinist
olarship
the Piano
Popular Prices
s

Mrs Gilbert Tuell
2-22-24

The Oxford County Citizen.

VOLUME XXIX—NUMBER 36 BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1924. 4 Cents Per Copy—$2.00 Per Year

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

PUBLICITY FOR TAX RETURNS

A few persons know the intricacies of the Mellon tax plan, but most people are simply boosting because they think that it will lower their own tax bills. But the law-makers in Washington know that the world war was the most expensive divertissement in all history, and not an optimist among them has been able to read any other process into the Government's balance sheet than that "the fiddler must be paid." The jig-saw of legislation hangs between methods of "distributing the tax," and plans for "soaking the rich." The opposition to the Mellon scheme are advocating the latter idea, which they believe will be popular with their voting constituency.

Secretary Mellon and Senator Couzens have been asking one another how the proposed tax-plan changes would affect them and their great fortunes. This has led to a running debate in Congress in favor of publicity for all tax returns. It is argued that local tax returns are a matter of public record, and that if the income tax returns are a matter of the income tax laws passed by the Federal government had provided publicity of tax returns that it would now be possible to determine where the loop-holes were in the old laws. This information would be beneficial, it is pointed out, in enabling the present Congress to provide against more "loop-holes." Quite likely this phase of the legislation will be left for the Senate to determine, and it is about a 50-50 bet that income tax returns will be hereafter, a matter of public record instead of a secret list.

PRIVATE BRYAN

Considering that he is a private citizen William J. Bryan attracts unusual attention. Down in Florida his political future is still to be determined. It is suspected that he has aspirations to go to the Senate from Florida. Such aspirations are not welcomed by the party organization in that State, which already has good men in the Senate whom it will not have turned out without a finish fight. Private Bryan has very cleverly proposed a Florida university president as his choice for the Democratic nomination. That may cut some figure in Florida even though it does not carry much weight elsewhere.

Private Bryan has been in Washington some this Winter, playing Cupid in the flirtation between "progressive" Republicans and Democrats. He has been in New York talking about tax reform and trying to build up a Democratic position to combat the tax plan brought out by Secretary Mellon. Private Bryan attended the recent meeting of the Democratic National Committee, and offered some of his fatherly advice. Private Bryan had his picture taken with his brother, Governor Bryan of Nebraska. They both wore skull caps of the ancient vintage, giving them a picturesquely fundamentalist appearance. As a fundamentalist layman Private Bryant appears to be doing his heaviest work, and it seems that his preaching is greater than his politics when it comes to keeping him before the American public.

ANIMALS THAT HISS

United States Senators Copeland of New York, and Magnus Johnson of Minnesota, have complained that they have been hissed as the result of statements made in recently delivered speeches. Despite their denials they both act peeved. They should have remembered the retort of a former statesman who greeted a volley of hisses with the shot that "only snakes and men ever hiss." Senator Copeland is developing as a very good type of statesman, and he has hopes of becoming as prescient in that line as he is in his regular profession as a Doctor of Medicine. As for the Honorable Magnus Johnson it may be said that he behaves like a "regular fellow" in the Senate. He has made his "maiden speech," and although it was not very thrilling, still it answered very well as an initial bow.

FALL FACES THE FACTS

When he was Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall leased some of the great Government oil properties to private individuals. There was a good deal of criticism of this course at the time, but Mr. Fall was sustained by other Government officials in his claims that the Government got more returns from the private leases than would be received through any other method. The most serious charge against Mr. Fall at the time was that he was playing into the hands of the "big oil men," but no one questioned his honesty. There followed rumors that the cordial relations that had existed between President Harding and Secretary Fall, and which had begun in the Senate, had become strained. Fall had re-

(Continued on page 8)

ANDOVER MAN FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME

Mr. Luther Merrill Hewey, a prominent citizen of Andover, was found dead at his home on Main Street, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ray Thurston and son, with Sylvanus DeLong, neighbors, entered his home and found him fully dressed, apparently ready to go to the village. He had been dead several hours. Mr. Hewey was 80 years of age and since the death of his wife in 1918 had lived alone. He had served the town as its treasurer for 25 years and tax collector six years.

In his younger days he was engaged in the freight business which he carried on for 20 years.

He was a member of Cabot Lodge, K. of P., also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Rumford.

He will be much missed in town where he has lived his long life.

Surviving are two sons, John K. and Ora F., of this town, and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Smith of Rumford and Mrs. Neal Bodwell of Andover, also three sisters, Mrs. Frank Hard of Norway and Mrs. Albert Thomas and Mrs. Frank Thomas of Andover.

Funeral services took place at the Congregational church, Sunday afternoon and were largely attended. Rev. Allan Brown of Rumford conducted the services. Cabot Lodge attended in a body and performed their impressive service. There was a profusion of beautiful tributes. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

CHAPMAN CONCERT

The concert given by Prof. Wm. R. Chapman and his artists, Devora Nadworney and Benno Rabinowitch, Tuesday afternoon was attended by a good size audience of music lovers.

Mr. Chapman has always brought the best to his home town and this year was no exception. The singing of Nadworney was as he said it would be, marvelous, and the violin playing of Mr. Rabinowitch was wonderful.

We know that Bethel has never been treated to such a wonderful exhibition of violin playing as was given on Tuesday afternoon. Words cannot tell of the wonderful exhibition. Those who failed to go to this concert certainly missed the opportunity of a life time.

The wonderful voice of Nadworney had a wealth of power and range and her high notes were remarkable for their clearness, trueness and brilliancy, while her lower notes had all the satisfying richness and vibrancy of the true contralto.

GOULD'S ACADEMY Y. M. C. A. TO STAGE A WINTER CARNIVAL

On Feb. 22 the Gould's Academy Y. M. C. A. will stage a Winter Carnival to be conducted along much the same lines as was the Carnival of last year, which was voted by everyone to be a great success. The program of last year will be followed very closely except in the evening when the awarding of prizes will be preceded by a one act play with an all male cast.

The boys are working hard to make this an affair of great interest to everyone.

The committees are as follows: General, Taylor Clough, Edward Carlson, Donald Sweeney; Ski Jump, Cleo Brown, Walter Philbrook, Philip Hamlin; Dash and Obstacle Race, Waldo Peaslee, Frank Knolston, Allen French; Publicity, Richard Holmes, Garard Eames, Kenneth Stanley, Charles Hazelton; Social, William Chapman, Freddie Philbrick, Ronald Keddy. Starters, C. P. Fossett, William MacKay; Timers, Herman Mason, Rev. Mr. Oliver; Field Officials, C. H. Brazier, R. W. Harris; Messenger, Wallace Saunders.

Further announcements will be made later.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Under the vote at the March meeting, 1923, authorizing the Moderator to name a committee of twelve for the purpose of going over the estimates of the different departments and activities of the town and recommending to the coming meeting the needs of each department, I hereby name the following voters as the Budget Committee:

1 F. A. Brown
2 W. H. Thurston
3 F. B. Mews
4 I. H. Wight, Ch. School Board
5 E. H. Barker
6 F. F. Rose
7 E. E. Bennett
8 A. F. Copeland
9 Fred L. Edwards
10 H. N. Head
11 Herman Mason
12 H. P. Thurston

H. H. Hastings.

JOINT INSTALLATION

On Tuesday evening of this week a joint installation was held by Sudbury Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., and Naeommi Temple, No. 68, Pythian Sisters, at Grange Hall. A good sized audience was present. After the regular meeting of Sudbury Lodge the officers of that lodge were ably and impressively installed by D. D. Grand Chancellor W. P. Abbott assisted by G. M. at A., A. F. Kingman of Waterford, and G. V. C. W. S. Howe and G. P. Charles McInnis. After this installation the officers of Naeommi Temple were very impressively installed by Helen Baker Past Chief, assisted by G. M., Ava Austin and G. S., Helen Berry. At the close of installation in behalf of Naeommi Temple Mrs. Hester Sanborn presented Mrs. Baker with a bar pin, and each officer was presented with a pink by Little Miss Catherine Brinck.

A delicious oyster stew, doughnuts, cake and coffee were served, after which dancing and a social hour was enjoyed.

The officers of Sudbury Lodge are as follows:

C. C.—Kenneth McInnis
V. C.—Ralph Young
P.—Herbert C. Rowe
M. of W.—Perley Flanders
K. of R. & S.—John Harrington
M. of E.—Earl H. Jordan
M. of F.—Wesley Wheeler
M. at A.—L. U. Bartlett
I. G.—Sidney Jodrey
O. G.—Alton Gott

The officers of Naeommi Temple are as follows:

M. E. C.—Hester Sanborn
E. S.—Carrie French
E. J.—Alice Littlehale
M. of F.—Constance Wheeler
M. of R. and C.—Minnie Bennett
M.—Mildred McInnis
P.—Evelyn Briggs
G.—Bernice Spearin

GRANGE NEWS

CANTON GRANGE

A very good meeting of Canton Grange was held Saturday. After the business session the question box proved most interesting, each member putting in one question and drawing out one giving a one minute talk on the one drawn out. The question, "Does it pay the farmer to mix his own fertilizer?" was opened by the Worthy Master, Charles W. Walker and a helpful discussion followed. Music was furnished by the Misses Alice and Ida Hines and by a girls' choir. Readings were given by Mrs. Annie T. Rose, Mrs. Hattie Bailey, Mrs Cora Fuller and Miss Ethel W. Russell. Canton Grange has extended an invitation to Livermore Grange to meet with them at the next meeting.

LONE MT. GRANGE

The officers of Lone Mt. Grange for 1924 were most ably installed by Past Master John F. Talbot, assisted by Mrs. Alice Thurston, Saturday. Those installed were as follows:

Master, John L. Bailey
Lecturer, Sadie Bailey
Steward, E. M. Bailey
A. Steward, Mrs. Etta Perkins
Chaplain, Mrs. Georgia Andrews
Treasurer, Mrs. Cora Akers
Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Baker
Ceres, Mrs. John Bailey
Pomona, Mrs. Rebecca Crossman
Flora, Mrs. Helen Morgan
L. A. Steward, Mrs. Carrie Morton

ROUND MOUNTAIN GRANGE

Round Mountain Grange met at their hall, Saturday, Jan. 19 in regular session. Those of the officers who were not installed at Bethel were installed at this time by W. B. Cummings. All officers present except Flora. After the usual business the following program was presented. Each member offered some new resolution for Grange work the coming year, and nearly everyone responded heartily in the resolve to make the meetings more interesting and the Grange more prosperous. Reading by Mrs. Bunce. Reminiscences of the Grange meetings of "ye olden times" by Brothers James Kimball, Irving Beckler and Sister Dora Beckler. Reading by Mrs. Mia Cummings. Reading by Mrs. Frances Wardwell. A good attendance expected for the next meeting to be held Feb. 2. We want to start a contest and have some lively meetings for the remainder of the winter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who assisted us during the fire which destroyed our home Sunday morning.

M. A. F. Chapman and family.

Messrs. George Richards and Robert Blake of Portland are doing the steam fitting at the Bingham house and boarding at Maple Inn.

GOULD'S TRIMS GORHAM NORMAL

Last Saturday Gould's won its sixth victory of the season by defeating the fast Gorham Normal quintet on the latter's floor. This is only the second time for many years that Gorham has suffered defeat on their home surface. During the first half Gould's scored six goals from the floor to Gorham's one. However the home team kept in the running by netting six goals from the free throw line. Gould's led at the end of the first half 13 to 8. Gorham was not in the habit of losing so easily and the second half they came back strong netting four baskets in quick succession. Gould's dropped in an occasional shot but was unable to check the lightning offense of their opponents. During the last minute of play Gorham scored a long shot which placed them one point ahead. It looked like a sure defeat for the Bethel boys. With fifteen seconds left to play Swan, who had not allowed his man to score during the entire game, brought victory to his team by a shot from the center of the floor. The summary follows:

GOULD'S	Goals	Fouls	Points
Goddard rf.,	1	0	2
W. Berry lf.,	4	0	8
M. Berry c.,	3	1	7
C. Swan rg.,	1	0	2
Kennistou lg.,	2	0	4
			23
GORHAM NORMAL			
Quimby rf.,	2	3	7
Trethewy lf.,	0	2	2
Packard c.,	4	0	8
Lewis rg.,	0	0	0
Baker lg.,	1	3	5
			22

This victory adds greatly to the standing of Gould's in Western Maine as Gorham Normal has already trimmed Westbrook High twice and it will be remembered that Westbrook administered a severe thrashing to the fast Rumford High five which only the week before trimmed Portland High by five points.

Friday Feb. 1st, Gould's boys' and girls' teams will take on the teams from Woodstock High. As this is an extra game an admission price of thirty-five cents will be charged for the two games. The following week on Feb. 9th a game has been arranged with the boys' team of Westbrook Seminary, to be played at Bethel. Westbrook Sem is captained by Clune who is quite correctly judged to be the best schoolboy basketball player in the State of Maine. Bethel fans should avail themselves of this opportunity to see such first class material. The return game with Gorham Normal which was to be played here Feb. 9th will be played March 1st. Season tickets will be good for both the Westbrook Sem and the Gorham Normal games.

On Thursday and Friday of last week Mr. John Mitchell Currie, Associate Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the New England Division, visited the Gould's Association. Mr. Currie, who is a graduate of Princeton, has seen one year's experience in Egypt, and from his experience gave a very interesting and instructive talk before the assembly Friday morning. During the rest of his time Mr. Currie gave several very inspiring and helpful informal talks to the boys. Mr. Currie is a man of splendid personality and the boys of Gould's unanimously agree that his visit has made a lasting and helpful impression upon all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Currie is making a tour of the State visiting the preparatory schools and Gould's was fortunate enough to be the first on his list.

THOMAS POOLE

Mr. Thomas Poole of Oxford, a former resident of Bethel, died last Thursday rom injuries received in an auto accident Wednesday. Mr. Poole, in company with two other men were going in an auto equipped with runners to Canada Hill where they were engaged in cutting wood. One of the runners on the car struck a bare spot, causing the machine to turn around and roll over several times. Mr. Poole was injured in the back and neck in such a way as to cause paralysis and render him unconscious for a time, and he died early the next morning.

Mr. Poole was born in St. Herbert, Quebec, June 16, 1877, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poole. He married Minnie Lawrence of this town and resided here for a number of years, going to Oxford in 1918, where he purchased a farm and had since lived.

He is survived by a widow and ten children, a mother, three brothers and two sisters.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

HOUSE OF A. F. CHAPMAN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Sunday morning at about ten o'clock the buildings of A. F. Chapman in Mayville were discovered on fire. Help was summoned from the village and across the river and soon a large crowd had gathered. The fire had gained considerable headway, being in the attic near the eaves and hard to get at. A garden hose and pails were the only available sources of fighting the flames. The wind was blowing a gale at the time and it was soon found that the fire could not be put out, and the crowd turned its attention to getting out the furniture. Everything was saved from the house and shed. The barn which is some distance from the house did not burn.

It is thought that the fire started from an overheated chimney. wD from a defective chimney.

Mr. Chapman and family are staying for the present at the home of Wallace Warren.

The fire department was called out Sunday afternoon about four o'clock for a fire in the Blake house on Spring Street. The chimney had burned out during the day and had set fire to the wood work between the ceiling and upper floor. Chemicals were used and the fire was put out without much damage, although the house was filled with smoke and some of the woodwork had to be cut away.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Saturday, Feb. 2. 6:45. Chorus rehearsal.

Sunday, Feb. 3.

10:45. Worship. Exposition of Matthew 6:19-34.

12:00 Church School.

7:00 Evening. Stereoptiem views, entitled "The Thrilling Tale of the Philippines"

METHODIST CHURCH

C. B. Oliver Pastor

Sunday morning, February 3.

10.45: Special music. Subject, The Conquering Christ.

Sunday School, 12 o'clock

The Epworth League 6:30 or earlier.

The evening 7:30 hour will be cancelled for special evening service at Locke's Mills. The Suwanee River Quartette, the best colored quartette in America, will sing at the Locke's Mills Church, Sunday evening, February 3, at 7:45.

Tuesday special meeting 7:30 at H. H. Annex'.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter W. Wolfe, Minister

Church Calendar, Sunday, Feb. 3:

10.45: Devotional services. Sermon topic, "A Daring Faith."

12.00 Noon: Sunday School. Adult Bible Class Theme, "Character Building."

7.15 P. M.: Y. P. C. U. devotional meeting. Topic, "Brotherhood—National and International." A social hour will follow the devotional service.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 7.30: History of Religion Class will meet at the home of Miss Muriel Park. Topic, "Hell and Devil Ideas of the Various Religions—with special reference to the Apocryphal books of the New Testament."

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2.00 P. M.: The Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Edwards.

LOCKE'S MILLS CHURCH

C. B. Oliver, Minister

Sunday, February 3. Sunday School 10 o'clock. No other service until evening.

At 7:45 the Suwanee River Quartette from the White Bureau, Boston, will furnish a program of camp meeting songs and Southern music. This is the best colored Quartette in America. Come early to be sure of a seat.

Business meeting of both the church and Church School on Wednesday on Wednesday evening at 7:15.

Dr. David B. Holt held the Fourth Quarterly Conference at 6.30 on Sunday night. The janitor had both stoves open and all were fairly comfortable in spite of the extreme cold. Dr. Holt was pleased with all reports. The Sunday School report was unusually good. There is a cradle roll of thirty-seven little folks. The treasurer reported twenty-four dollars paid for "World Service" and current expenses well in hand. After the business meeting, Dr. Holt preached a splendid sermon on "The Harvest is great but the laborers are few." All were sorry to see our leader as cripples but hope for a quick recovery.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Spring Street

Sunday School at 10.00 A. M.

Sunday services at 10.45 A. M.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. R. B. Holt of Berlin, N. H., was in town, Monday.

Mrs. C. B. Oliver is the guest of her parents in Peru, Maine.

Miss Vivian Wight is spending a few days at her home in town.

Mr. Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town the first of the week.

Dr. Gard Twaddle of Auburn was the guest of relatives in town one day last week.

Mrs. Mae Godwin is confined to her home by illness, but is reported as improving.

Mr. F. H. Bartlett of Andover was a guest of L. W. Ramsell and family, Monday.

Mrs. L. W. Ramsell was the guest of relatives and friends in Norway a few days last week.

Mr. G. N. Sanborn returned from Roxbury, Me., Saturday, where he has had employment in the woods.

Mrs. W. R. Chapman, who has been spending a short time at her home here returned to New York last week.

Friends of Mr. Kenneth Wight of Thomaston, Conn., are sorry to hear of his illness at his home in that place.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goddard are glad to learn that they are both improving from their recent illnesses

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald spent the week end in Boston. He returned Tuesday but Mrs. McDonald will remain for a visit with relatives.

The hearing on the petition for the raising of the bridge over the Grand Trunk railroad at the foot of Church Street has been postponed to Thursday, February 7.

Some good sized loads of pulp are being hauled by Skillings' teams from the Metcher lot back of the Gehring residence. One day last week one load was hauled out which measured five cords, and several loads of three cords have been hauled out.

Word has been received in town announcing the death of Rev. C. N. Gleason of Westminster, Mass., which occurred on Jan. 27. He had been in failing health for the last few years. Rev. Mr. Gleason was at one time pastor of the Congregational Church in this town.

Birthday parties have been quite frequent among the "younger set" and last Thursday Miss Elaine Yaskaw entertained a number of her young friends. Games were enjoyed before lunch which made the hours pass all too quickly. The young friends expressed their good wishes for many happy returns of the day. Miss Elaine was the recipient of many presents.

Last Friday, Miss Mildred Bunting entertained a few of her young friends in honor of her eleventh birthday. Coasting and games were enjoyed until time for lunch and the hours passed all too rapidly which brought the time for the good nights. Mildred was the recipient of very pretty presents from her friends and this will be one of the pleasantest memories she will carry through the year.

From Saturday night to Monday noon was the longest and coldest weather for the winter. The mercury began to run low Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning reports were received of registrations of from 18 to 42 below zero in this vicinity. During Sunday the highest mark reached was 10 below. Monday morning reports were from 13 to 38 below. During Monday the mercury began to rise and Tuesday morning the reading was from 8 to 12 above. Quite a change in so short a time.

On Jan. 22, Miss Angie Chapman and sister, Mrs. Ellen Watts were entertained at luncheon at the beautiful home of the Springer family in South Pasadena, Calif. Miss Chapman had previously met them at the Maine Society's baked bean supper. At that supper Miss Chapman and Miss Matilda M. Barnham were the only ones to respond at the roll call from Oxford County the Springer family having left the hall immediately after the supper. Bethel people will be interested in the above as all the parties are former residents of Bethel.

(Continued on page 4)

Application of Dark Diplomacy

By MARTHA WILLIAMS

(©, 1923, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Married through the heats of August afternoon came Aunt Priscilla's drone: "Zaccheus he did climb a tree,

His Lord and Master for to see!"

over and over until the reiteration became unbearable. Richie Fair had released frowning until patience, worn threadbare, snapped. She sprang up, stamped her small foot, and cried through the window: "If you don't change that tune, Mammy, I'll come out there and murder you."

"I ain't no-ways 'feared," Priscilla returned. "You ain't spare me—not cornsil you're safe carried. Who else is all de wuk gwine take cake an' make later custards, and cheese cakes, an' cook turkey, an' hams an' things, times fur de Precinct, or chain de kind?

"I well knows what I'se well—you ain't skeer me, you hope o' Saltern! Reckin' me dattaway, when I done walk myself ter skillington totin' you through de three-cents collection' settin' up nights for play wid you, twell I was so sleepy I nods in meetin' every time I gave dar."

"Why, Mammy! I thought you were real quality!" Richie stammered in a pained voice. "And you know real quality don't throw up things. Especially old white folks there for your little pretty babies that had no way about being born to make you trouble.

"You know I couldn't help any of those things. Did I give myself color? And could I sleep all the time? You made me sleep by daylight so you could play around. Then, when I couldn't sleep any longer, of course I didn't want to be left all by my poor little self."

"Dest you listen at her!" Priscilla spoon-fed above. "No hateful baby ain't wait in her pacif'. No, sir-ee—heh! You couldn't make all dem ole troubles, cause you hadn't cut yo' tails, be nex's year less, but yo' will sure good." Look at you right now! Twinkle skipped de plantation right erlong twell you growed up.

"Now—my Land in heaven! yo' po' puppy don't git no peace on his life, wid all de rassin' back and forth; all de strange hawses eatin up his corn and fodder, all de scalawaggs warin' out his fine Turkey carpets, an' hobbin' her tell somebody two-three times er week: 'Sis! You cain't marry my darter! I'm er Christian, I hope, an' I ain't got de heart in let ye try ter do what's past mortal man: make her know what she wants and how she want it for a week, much less a lifetime!'"

"Who's been telling you?" Richie demanded, giggling. Through the window she saw Mammy's plump shoulders heaving. This such as this brought joy to both of them.

But her question was for so long unanswered she went on impatiently: "I reckon you're trying to make me say something hateful, so you'll have excuse not to make me the finest bridal set of all the country. How'd you like it if I said I wouldn't take any at all? I'm a great mind not to take a scrap to eat. Then I can go without anybody I please."

"Spark you'll please ter ride wid Tom Bob Wimberly," Mammy recommended serenely: "An' I lay he won't go dar widout good rations. Wants me ter watch dat dar hoss now hyar he done bought him. All I got ter do is tell him: 'Marse Tom Bob, I done sign my han' ter de hoe' dinner ever went ter dis here reunitin' crowd'—an' he'll take all I fetch out—an' glad er de chance."

"Tush-hush! But I'm goin' with Pete Mason—one of the family—his great-grandmammy was a half-Fair, he says," from Richie evidently.

"He say two words ter dat hare-gals," Mammy said, dropping the knife with which she was paring fruit for drying, and washing within. "I'se jumpy'll beat up de whole combination ridder's to hab you ride up in de face ob all yo' kin wid dat dar sculpture."

"He won't know it—in time," Richie pulled. Mammy growled: "I knows. Don't overdo," then softening, "Richie, don't you go be sorry. Listen at me. Pete Mason got a face outside—but I ain't denying but middle he's rotten. Sorry ter hab you treat yourself wid less'n 'fi'teen Marse Tom Bob ter shoot ribbon. I'se ain't fer a wonder. Let's do weed wid de hush wh'n it do you ter good."

"I won't have, not even if I want to," Richie cried fiercely. "I'll go with—Queen of all the Fairies and Field Mouse, and all the ones if they want to look after me."

"Dere like you was beyond the wide Jordan," mammy said, sighing, but her eyes twinkled knowingly where she was outside.

The reunion was the reunion of scrap counties in that it brought together virtually the widespread descendants of three pioneer families that had come a hundred years back, from the southern seaboard to settle in the blue grass.

A shrewish lot—as for of the blood was a matter of world wealth—and would more of you did honor to the blood. Pete Mason had a fine presence, the color standing of a gentleman, plus money in both pockets, and a charming knack of spending it without ostentation.

Coming from the Far Southwest, he had been prepossessed with descriptions—because of this Tom Bob Wimberly, Mr. Col. Millard Fair, father of a willful daughter, had rather stressed the reservations—all the more, possibly, for realizing Mason's surface charm.

So far he had said nothing to his daughter—time enough to speak when he had tangible cause. His life centered on her—she had cost him her mother—naturally her marriage was a matter of moment.

Young Wimberly had all three strains of the blood, if he lacked the name. He was, moreover, a country gentleman born. What wonder Colonel Richard yearned to have him succeed himself as master of Fairways.

Richie went early to bed, pleading headache. She was hardly upstairs before Mammy signaled her employer that she must speak with him privately.

Obediently he followed her to the bottom of the big garden. Even there they talked in whispers, save that once or twice the colonel swore aloud. Mammy soothed him, saying in her huskiest undertone, "Nebber you mind, Marse Dick. Leabe all dis matter ter me. And jes' sleep easy. I knows de ropes better'n I does de feller days gwine de."

Next day was perfect reunion weather—all roads leading to the grove, where shade of primeval trees, within sound of a big, bold spring tinkling down from a gray bluff, was early thronged with merrymakers.

Yet Richie sat upon the piazza, hatless, pretending to yawn, saying over her shoulder to Mammy, hovering in the background, "I wouldn't go at all, only it's sinful to waste victuals, and I know you've got enough to feed half the crowd."

"Marse Dick done tended de basket," Mammy flung back.

Richie smiled mischievously. "So he dared to go and leave me waiting here for Pete. I call that the right thing for a well-trained parrot. You may wait to see me start if you like. Pete's car is bran-span new, and the finest in the country."

An hour passed. Richie began to fidget. She wanted to be late enough to make her arrival a sensation, but not so late as to be smothered in the rush of the late-and-belated from everywhere.

Once she started to the telephone, but paused half-way, and flung herself down upon the broad hall divan, saying pettishly: "Mammy—I believe I'm hungry. Get me something, please—"

"Spect you neber eat er bite o' breakfus," Mammy commented, but without stirring from her seat on the front steps. Distantly came the humming of a car driven at speed. Richie smiled exultantly, then lounged into the living room for a last view at herself in the mantel mirror.

She heard rapid footsteps, masculine ones, on steps, piazza, polished floor, but did not turn her head until a voice cried excitedly: "Richie! Get your hat! Quick! Sorry you had to wait—but I couldn't get here a minute sooner."

"Tom Bob! Why are you here? What's the matter?" Richie demanded, frowningly. Tom Bob looked at her between smiling and frowning. "I'm here—because Pete asked me to come and take you," he said doggedly.

"Ah! I'll tell you how come him ter ax," Mammy supplemented. "'Twas because dey done hooken him ter co'te fer shootin' craps all last Sunday wid niggers at Billis' Spring ch'rch whar de is er powerful pourin' out ob de spirit—"

"How do you know so much?" Richie demanded, aghast. Mammy chuckled softly. "My Sam is constable—reckon member dat, honey?" she said. "Now, put on you' hat—an' pat Pete Mason eaten ya' bread."

For a wonder Richie said, obediently: "I will, Mammy."

SEA ADDS TO ENGLAND'S SIZE

Bit Cast Up by the Ocean Retained in Such a Manner That a New Beach Is Being Formed.

England's area is growing. Some geographers in London say that in a few years it will be necessary to revise the physical maps of the country as a result of the phenomenon. For instance the coast line at Hastings is now half a mile nearer France than it was some time ago. In the distant future it may be permissible for tourists to regard the English channel with distaste. Coastal erosion formerly caused much concern, especially on the part of big land owners, but now engineers have got busy and have been able not only to check erosion in some parts of the shore by means of groins, but to add large slices of land to England's littoral. An elaborate system of groins on the south coast has been developed to check the ravages of the floods which at spring tide send in vast mass of the streets of Hastings under water. A groin is a sort of breakwater built across a beach to catch a summer so as to retain the sediment washed up by high tides, together with the earth that subsequent rainfall must carry to sea. Thus not only have the floods been prevented, but a new beach developed. While the south coast is rapidly regaining new territory, the eastern and northern shores are losing considerable, particularly in Lincolnshire. But losses are not proving as great as had been feared, and it is expected that the construction of groins will be as of service elsewhere as it has been on the channel.

Only Fooling.

The Professional—Now you have the correct chord. Doing?

The Dub—Swing, mother! I'm going to look it. Don't you see my pipe-organist face there?

ASKED AND ANSWERED

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a big new feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. S. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include medical, legal, courtship and marital questions, or expect attention to matters requiring extensive research. Mention this paper when you write.

Q. How do watt and candle power compare? For instance, a 25 watt lamp would be equal to how many candle power?

A 25 watt lamp on 110 volt circuit is rated at 238 lumens. There are approximately 10 lumens to a candle power. Therefore the approximate candle power would be 23.8. A "watt" is a measurement of the flow of mechanical energy or force; and therefore if the volt circuit was not the same as that stated above the rating would change. The "candle power," on the other hand, is a form of reckoning in terms of the light of a standard candle.

Q. Where is the grave of the Unknown Soldier?

In the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, which is just across the Potomac River in sight of Washington. The great memorial amphitheater was provided through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic, to secure a fitting memorial for our soldier dead and a suitable assembly place for the thousands in attendance at the services Decoration Day. The white marble structure of singular grace and compelling beauty covers an area of 34,000 square feet, and provides seating capacity for 5,000 people in the amphitheater proper, and several thousands more in the colonnades and on the stage. Just across the roadway from the eastern stairway and in harmony with and an integral part of the memorial amphitheater is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Q. On what date did the United States join war with Germany, and what was the cause? How long were the other countries in before the United States joined?

On the night of April 6, 1917, President Wilson appeared before Congress and declared that a state of war existed between Germany and the United States. The Central Powers declared war against Serbia July 28, 1914, and against Russia, France, and Belgium, by August 4. France declared war August 3, and Britain, August 4. Russia did not formally declare war until November 3. Historians and diplomats have been reciting the cause of the war ever since its beginning, and there is no indication that an answer that will give universal satisfaction will be forthcoming short of a century.

Q. What is a boycott?

All dictionaries agree that a boycott is a social and business interdiction for the purpose of coercion or punishment.

Q. What is the residence of Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, in the United States? Is Count Zeppelin still alive, and what was his connection with the Zeppelin airship?

The address of General Dawes is Chicago, Illinois. Count Zeppelin is dead. An incident in his career was the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday on July 8, 1915, when he steered his twentieth airship on its maiden voyage. Count Zeppelin was a soldier of fortune and fought in many countries. During the Civil War he was in the Union army in the United States. The Zeppelin type of air craft is all traceable to the inventive genius of Count Zeppelin.

Q. What does G. O. P. mean?

G. O. P. is merely an abbreviation of Grand Old Party, which is a popular name for the Republican party.

Q. How long did it take to build the present United States Capitol?

The structure is more or less a continued story. The original cornerstone was laid by President Washington, September 18, 1793. The wings of the central building were completed in 1811; the British partially burned the structure in 1814. The entire central building was finished in 1827. The corner stone of the extension was laid by President Fillmore on July 4, 1851, and it was first occupied by Congress in 1857 and 1859.

Q. What Psalm in the Bible is recommended by evolutionists as supporting their theory?

This seems to be a question intended to start something. However, try the one hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm.

Q. What is the "President's Own" band?

The United States Marine Band is sometimes called the "President's Own." It is the crack band of the United States Marine Corps, and it has been built up and perfected during more than a century of its existence. Among its duties is that of performing at all functions, official and private, at the White House. John Philip Sousa was for a long time director of this band, and when he formed his own group of musicians he was succeeded by William H. Santelmann, who is still leader of the band.

Q. Why did William Tell shoot the apple off of his son's head?

He didn't. Tell was a legendary Swiss hero, who flourished about 1307. The popular story respecting him, including the yarn of the gun and the apple, were demonstrated to be mythical by Professor Kapp of Laverne, in 1872.

Q. Is there an Old Abe eagle in Washington?

The eagle which tops the flag-staff of the Mills Building in the National Capital, is an effigy in copper and aluminum of Old Abe, the famous bald eagle which was the mascot of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteers of the Civil War.

Q. When were umbrellas first used in the United States?

The first record is of umbrellas brought to Baltimore, from India, in 1772. The early reference books describe an umbrella as a "portable pentheon to carry in a person's hand to screen him from violent rain or heat."

Q. What was the origin of the term "Uncle Sam?"

During the war of 1812, casks of provisions in the commissary department in the State of New York were marked "U. S.," supposed to stand for "Uncle Sam," as Samuel Wilson who had charge of the stores was called.

Q. Is it a fact, as indicated by the recent popular song, that bananas have been scarce in the markets?

During the year 1922, 45,093,802 bunches of bananas, valued at $19,145,931 were brought into this country. It is estimated that every man, woman and child in the United States ate two-fifths of a bunch of bananas during that year.

Q. What is the mace of the House of Representatives?

It is a tradition and also a substance. It is a bundle of ebony rods, bound together with ligaments of silver, and having on top a silver globe surmounted by a silver eagle. It resembles the fasces borne by lictors before the Roman magistrates, and is the symbol of the Speaker's authority. The Sergeant at Arms bears the symbol before him when executing the Speaker's commands to enforce order. A recalcitrant Congressman always salaams and surrenders when he sees the mace coming toward him, notwithstanding the harmless affair so carefully guarded as never to be used in a forcible manner.

Q. What is the distribution from the sale of a loaf of bread, in paying the farmer, the baker, etc.?

A representative from the Department of Agriculture in addressing a recent meeting of the Housekeepers' Alliance of Washington stated that sixteen per cent of the selling price of a loaf of bread goes to the grower of the wheat; thirty-six per cent represents the margin of the baker, and twenty-two per cent the margin of the retailer. The balance is distributed in various ways.

Q. What is the meaning of the phrase "ad astra per aspera?"

Translated from the Latin, it means, "to the stars through difficulties." It is the motto of Kansas.

Q. What three States produce the most oil in the United States?

Oklahoma, Texas, and California. The number of barrels of crude petroleum produced in the United States in 1909 amounted to 183,170,874. The quantity in 1921 in the United States was 469,659,000.

Q. Who was the architect of the Lincoln Memorial and who created the marble statue of Lincoln within it?

The architect was Henry Bacon. Daniel Chester French was the sculptor who made the colossal figure of Lincoln, who is seated in a curule chair. The lineaments are of Lincoln as wonderfully idealized by the sculptor.

Q. What is the value of a dime, dated 1900, with thirteen stars, and portrait of Martha Washington?

Coin collectors do a lot of "bargain and trade" business in old coins. This particular coin has a value among these merchants of anywhere between $1.25 and $2.

Q. How many electric light bulbs are used in the United States during a year?

Manufacturers statistics report that 241,000,000 of these lamps were made in 1921. It is interesting to note in connection with the above inquiry that only 50,000 lamps were manufactured in 1881, which was the first year of the electric light in our commercial history.

Q. Why is Ireland called the Emerald Isle?

Because of the greenness of its grass and foliage.

Q. Who selected the site for the White House?

President Washington assisted by Major L'Enfant, in 1791.

Q. Can the watch be used as a compass, and how?

Yes, it is simply necessary to bring the watch in a position so that the hour hand is directly toward the sun. The South then lies exactly midway between whatever hour it may happen to be and the numeral XII on the dial. Suppose, for instance, that it is four o'clock and that the timepiece is held in the position indicated. The direction of the numeral II will then be the exact South. If it is eight o'clock, the number X will indicate the exact southerly point.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE

XXV.—ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS was named after the river which flows diagonally through this state and is one of the chief tributaries of the Mississippi. It is said that the early settlers found in this territory, an Indian tribe named Arkansas, but the actual meaning of the word is not known. It probably has some relation to the word Kansas. There has been much confusion as to the correct pronunciation of Arkansas. To remove this as far as possible a resolution was passed by the state senate in 1881 which specified that the true pronunciation was "Ar-kan-saw."

Originally Arkansas was a part of the Louisiana Purchase. Its first settlement was made by the French about 1685. Except for the few years during which by secret treaty it was ceded to Spain, it remained under French rule, until purchased by the United States in 1803. For nearly ten years after this, it was a part of Louisiana territory. With the admission of the State of Louisiana in 1812 this northern section was formed into the Missouri territory. In 1819 there was another partition and Arkansas territory was created, which included the present state and what later was called Indian territory.

Due to the reports of an early explorer named Pike, who visited this region in 1806, the incorrect idea was generally accepted that most of the expanse of plains east of the Rockies was a vast desert. This idea persisted to such an extent that as late as 1850 the western plains were called in the school geographies "The Great American Desert." Adventurous settlers, especially from the South, found conditions in Arkansas quite otherwise, however, and by 1838 Arkansas was admitted as the twenty-fifth state of the Union with an area of 53,335 square miles.

The natural resources of the state are considerable. There are the mineral springs of medicinal value, which have been placed under governmental control at Hot Springs.

(© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

A session of the District Court at Great Barrington, Mass., was halted when moonshine liquor forced the cork out of a bottle, shot nearly to the ceiling and showered desks.

Fifteen dollars for thumbing her nose at her sister in open court, Boston, was the penalty imposed on Mrs. Mary T. Bowen by Suffolk Probate Judge Arthur W. Dolan. Previously the court had passed over her act of pulling her sister's ear.

Students of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., have organized a Republican Club and planned for an active program in the approaching campaign. Several well-known alumni have been asked to serve as advisory members of the undergraduate executive committee.

Ernest H. Gilbert of Stoughton, Mass., worthy master of the Massachusetts State Grange the last year, was unanimously re-elected at the annual meeting in Mechanics Hall, Worcester.

The Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce has distributed 50,000 circulars and cards throughout the state and other parts of New England which bear a strong appeal to the public to buy New England manufactured goods whenever price and quality make it comparable to those made elsewhere. The appeal is directed especially to the Christmas shopper and has been prepared by the Made in New England educational campaign committee of the state chamber.

Massachusetts has a "crude" death rate of 12.5 per 1000 population for 1922, as against 12.2 for 1921 and 13.8 for 1920, according to the figures given out by the bureau of the census of the federal department of commerce. The highest 1922 state rates are those of Maine and Vermont, each 14.7. Maine's crude death rate was 14 in 1921 and 15.1 in 1920. Vermont had corresponding rates of 15.2 and 15.7 in 1921 and 1920 respectively. Crude death rates, it is pointed out by the bureau, do not tell the whole story regarding the healthfulness of different localities. This rate is based on total population and all deaths occurring within the given area.

The New England Citizenship Conference, a body recently formed to seek a more widespread law observance, has begun a citizens' drive against violations of the Volstead Act in New England and particularly in Massachusetts. The movement will culminate in a three-days' meeting Jan. 20, 21, and 22. Prior to that time there will be a number of group meetings and state and interstate conferences. The conference proposes to do for all New England what has already been done through a similar movement in Connecticut. It is the belief of its originators that New England must be made dry as a unit, rather than by individual state efforts.

The American Magazine and Woman's Home Companion
Both for one year-$3.25
(If sent to one address)
Carl L. Brown, Agent
Bethel, Maine

House For Sale

Single tenement house, painted and in good repair, located in South Paris village on Park Street; price, $1400.

L. A. BROOKS
REAL ESTATE DEALER
10 Market Square
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

SOCIETY DIRECTORY

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M., meets in Masonic Hall the second Thursday evening of every month. D. Grover Brooks, W. M.; Fred B. Merrill, Secretary.

PURITY CHAPTER, No. 102, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Hall the first Wednesday evening of each month. Mrs. Elizabeth Garey, W. M.; Mrs. Pearl Tibbetts, Secretary.

MT. ABRAM LODGE, No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Friday evening. D. M. Forbes, N. G.; A. C. Brinck, Secretary.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, No. 54, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Mrs. Emily Forbes, N. G.; Mrs. Anna French, Secretary.

SUDBURY LODGE, No. 22, K. of P., meets in Grange Hall every Tuesday evening. Kenneth McInnis, C. C. John Harrington, K. of R. and S.

NACCOMI TEMPLE, No. 68, PYTHIAN SISTERS, meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Grange Hall. Mrs. Hester K. Sanborn, M. E. C. Mrs. Minnie Bennett, M. of R. and C.

BROWN POST, No. 84, G. A. R., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A. H. Hutchinson, Commander; I. C. Jordan, Adjutant; L. N. Bartlett, Q. M.

BROWN W. R. C., No. 36, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Mrs. Martha Kendall, President; Mrs. Eva Hastings, Secretary.

GEORGE A. MUNDT POST, No. 81, AMERICAN LEGION, meets the first Tuesday of each month in its rooms. Albert Grover, Commander; Lloyd Luxton, Adjutant.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 59, P. of H., meets in their hall the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. F. E. Russell, M.; Mrs. Eva Hastings, Secretary.

"Cold in the Head"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the System, cleanse the Blood and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System, thus reducing the Inflammation and restoring Normal conditions.

All Druggists. Circulars free.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

BUSINESS CARDS

FURNISHED ROOMS
AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE
C. C. BRYANT
2 Mechanic Street, Bethel, Maine
Telephone Connection

S. S. GREENLEAF
FUNERAL DIRECTOR & MORTICIAN
AUTO HEARSE
AMBULANCE FOR MOVING THE SICK
Day and Night Service
BETHEL, MAINE
Phone 15-4

H. Z. LITTLEFIELD
AUTO AND HORSE LIVERY
Day or Night Service
Bethel, Maine
Telephone

E. E. WHITNEY & CO.
BETHEL, MAINE
Marble and Granite Workers
Classic Designs.
First Class Workmanship.
Letters of inquiry promptly answered. See our work.
Get our prices.
E. E. WHITNEY & CO.
Satisfaction Guaranteed

LIFE FIRE AUTOMOBILE DISABILITY
INSURANCE
WALTER E. BARTLETT,
Tel. 25-6 Bethel, Maine

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending January 26, 1924.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES:—The past week has witnessed very light trading in stapped-in fruits and vegetables, partly because of the unfavorable weather conditions experienced, and few price changes of any magnitude were recorded. Maine potatoes are moving slightly faster at, $1.90-$1.95 per 100 lb. bag and New York old crop cabbage is about steady at $1.75 per 100 lb. bag and $2.00 per barrel. Onion supplies are only moderate but the market continues dull at mostly $3.00-$3.50 per 100 lb. bag for Mass. and New York medium to fairly large stock. Turnips are practically unchanged, Canadians selling at $1.90-$2.00 per 140 lb. bag. California and Arizona Iceberg-type lettuce is very cheap at $2.50-$2.75 per crate and liberal supplies of Florida Big Boston type have brought prices down to $1.00-$1.25 per crate. California cauliflower is steady at $3.50 per crate. Celery is lower, Florida French strain closing $2.75-$3.00 per 12 inch crate. Sweet potatoes are in limited supply and Delaware Yellow varieties sold during the week at $2.50-$3.00 per bushel hamper. Florida peppers and eggplant show little change, the former selling at $2.50-$2.75 per crate on fancy with eggpl, at bringing $2.50-$3.00 for best stock. Florida and California oranges and Florida grapefruit are selling well at the low prices prevailing and there is a better movement also in apples. Best Florida oranges and grapefruit wholesale from $3.00-$4.00, according to quality and size. Northwestern Wineseps and Staymans are generally $2.25 per box on medium to large extra fancy grade and barr'ed Baldwins A 2½" from New York and N. E. cold storage range $3.50-$4.50 per barrel with poorer stock as low as $2.50 and an occasional lot of fancies as high as $5.25.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Dressed Poultry market continues firm with an exceptionally good demand for soft meated chickens, which are short and firmly held. Fowl are not moving as readily but prices are well maintained. Fowl 5 lb. av. 31-32c; 4-4½ lb. av. 29-31; 3-3½ lb. av. 25-28c. Chickens: 5 lb. av. 33-35c; 4-4½ lb. av. 29-32c. Live Poultry continues firm with receipts rather light and demand fair. Fowl 28-29c, chickens 31-36c. Butter market rules very firm under good demand and exceptionally light supplies especially on the 93-90 scores. Buyers are conservative and are working on a hand to mouth basis. Dealers holding firm and in some quarters asking premiums on the more desirable lots. 92 score 52½c; 90-91 score 51½-52; 89-89 score 49-50c; 87 score 48½c. Eggs: Market about steady with trade rather quiet on both fresh and storage goods. Buyers have been holding off on fresh eggs. Storage eggs selling slow even when concessions are offered. Western: Extra 47-48c; extra firsts 45½-46c; firsts, 41-43c, seconds 38-40c; nearby henneryn 46-48c; fancy drowns up to 49c Refrigerators: Firsts, 27-28c; seconds, 25-25½c.

Samuel Parker of Lawrence, Mass., is improving from an operation recently performed by Dr. Leon G. Besley, who removed a steel bullet which had been imbedded in the man's leg for the past 11 years. Parker was accidentally wounded at Key West, Fla., while shooting porpoises. The bullet had given no trouble until a few weeks ago.

More than 700 men and 150 women filled the basement corridors of City Hall, Boston, seeking work through the municipal employment bureau. There are jobs for only one out of every ten applicants and the situation is steadily growing worse, according to the report for the year, which Luke E. Shields, director of the bureau, submitted to Mayor Curley. Director Shields finds the unemployment greater now than at a corresponding time last year. He estimates that there are 50,000 men out of work

The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Gleason Pinkham of Steuben, Me., which has been puzzling the residents of that town 10 years, has just been solved by the finding of her skeleton. Mrs. Pinkham disappeared from her home in November, 1913, after leaving a note telling of her intention to make a long journey. A pond was drained and the woods in all directions scoured in vain. Mrs. Pinkham was living alone, lame and in poor health. After giving the hens a good supply of corn to last until the arrival of her husband, who was daily expected, she locked the house and went away. It is thought that she tried to reach the salt water, but became exhausted and fell where her bones were found.

Recommendations that scientific temperance instruction be continued in the schools and that the younger generation should be particularly trained to respect all laws were made by the findings committee of the New England citizenship conference which met in Boston. After some work under the leadership of former Atty.-Gen. J. Weston Allen, and later with the Rev. William M. Macnair in the chair, the committee came to the conclusion that the sentiment which has been aroused in favor of strict enforcement of law is an asset which must not be dissipated. It was also decided that it would be more feasible to continue the work through existing organizations which have fought the liquor traffic for years than to establish a new body whose work might parallel that of some of the older associations

Dr. George H. Blakeslee, head of the department of history and international relations at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., has accepted the chairmanship of the executive committee of the World Peace Foundation, and will leave Clark soon. Dr Blakeslee has been a member of the Clark faculty for the last 16 years, since his graduation from Harvard, where he received his doctor's degree. He is recognized as a leading authority on the far east and on international relations.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Items Gleaned From All Parts of New England

During the calendar year 1923 the number of forest fires in Connecticut was cut by one-third, the area burned was cut three-fourths, and the damage resulting from fires was decreased more than four-fifths.

The name of President Coolidge has been added to the roll of the Burlington Vt., Chamber of Commerce as the 1000th member, when the organization conferred an honorary membership on him.

On account of the large number of complaints about dogs chasing deer in Brattleboro, Vt., the state fish and game department has given notice that unless owners restrain their dogs, they will be liable to prosecution and a fine of $100.

The first transfer of the property since the original grant from the King of England in the 17th century was made recently by Miss Eleanor Bradley, who sold her homestead on Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, Ct., to Mrs. Ruth B. Williams of New York.

A 10-year campaign aimed to arrest tuberculosis early in children was launched, when Health Commissioner Eugene R. Kelley filed with the Massachusetts Legislature a special report, calling for the expenditure of $500,000 and the examination of more than 200,00 school children in the state.

Deputy Marshall-John H. Dugan of Rutland, Vt., was obliged to arrest his own brother when he was instructed to serve a grand jury warrant charging Michael Dugan of Rutland with selling intoxicating liquor. Dugan was one of 11 men indicted in a recent liquor probe.

Word was received from Washington at the headquarters of the First Army Corps, Boston, that Brig.-Gen. Malvern Hill Barnum, commander of the 15th U. S. Infantry Brigade, has been designated as commander of the Citizens' Military Training Camp which will be held in Camp Devens next summer.

At a special meeting by a vote of 199 to 26 the citizens of St. Johnsbury, Vt., voted to buy of the E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. the plant of the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company at a price of approximately $250,000. The property has been appraised by an engineer at $480,000 and the municipality will pay for it by issuing serial bonds at 4½ percent interest.

Four officers of the Massachusetts Association of Disabled Veterans of the World War, which organization received notoriety following the probe of its rest camp at Shirley, Mass., were indicted by the federal grand jury. The men are William H. Burns, president, James Hannafin, treasurer; Leo J. Conway, state organizer, and Albert Doucette, collector.

The Right Rev. Edwin Holt Hughes, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, speaking to 2000 men and women in Pawtucket, R. I., declared that he wished the ministers who are now taking part in the controversy regarding the Virgin birth "would close their mouths and go to work. While I do not want to get into the controversy," said he, "nevertheless, I will say that I am an evolutionist, because I think that evolution cannot go on without God."

Generous co-operation with the agricultural program of the commonwealth and with the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst in order to improve agricultural conditions in this state was urged by Frank G. Allen, president of the Senate, at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. More extensive planting in the seasons is necessary in every part of Massachusetts, said Mr. Allen, who added that 75 per cent. of the food resources of the commonwealth have to be imported annually to meet the demands of the people.

The Highway Division of the State Department of Public Works has made public the rules and regulations governing billboards and other outdoor advertising signs in Massachusetts, which it has had in preparation for some months. Under these rules no sign is permitted within 18 feet of a highway A sign of not more than 32 square feet will be permitted within 100 feet and not less than 50 feet. A sign 12x32 feet, will be permitted between 100 and 300 feet. Beyond 300 feet the size may be 14x50 feet, but that is the limit of size permitted. For residential sections no sign may be erected except with the consent of a majority of the property owners within a block of the proposed location. No billboards or signs are hereafter to be permitted within 300 feet of parks or public reservations.

"Destroy apple tree stumps, that afford harborage for gypsy moths, and replace them with young white pines," was a message to the moth superintendents of Massachusetts at a session at Horticultural Hall. Prof. W. C. O'Kane of New Hampshire, H. L. McIntyre of New York state and Harold L. Bailey of Vermont told of the efforts their moth departments are making to get farmers to clean out the stumps and stop the growth of sprouts and "suckers" that offer excellent pastorage for gypsy moth caterpillars.

THE TIME—ACCORDING TO YOU

In one of the cities of the Middle Atlantic States there is a tall city building with a tower, in which there is built a clock having hands over twelve feet long. In the evening this massive clock is illuminated by electricity so that the people may tell the time by day or by night. A bell also in the tower sounds the hours and half hours. Thousands of people in that great city go to work, to play and to worship after looking at the face of this clock or listening to its strikes.

In a jeweler's store on the street floor of the building there is a very tiny clock built exactly after the style of the great clock of the tower. While the hands of this little clock are less than one inch long it tells the same time as the massive clock above. When the tower clock says that it is seven in the morning the little clock's hands point to seven. When the great clock shows that the noon hour has come the hands of the little clock are both on twelve.

It is possible for the tiny hands of men to point the same way as the great hands of God. Someone is setting his life by you.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ Springfield, Mass 337 Meters—890 Kilocycles

THURSDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports

P. M.
7.00 "Preparation of Federal Income Tax Returns," by Thomas McCarry, Tax Consultant of Springfield
7.30 Bedtime story for the Kiddies
Farmers' Period—Letter from The New England Homestead
8.00 Concert by Gustave LaZazzera, Cellist; Eleanor Turner LaZazzera, accompanist; Willard Clark, baritone; Benjamin Buxton, accompanist
Baritone solo, "Aus Meinen Grossen Schmerzen" Franz
Mr. Clark
Baritone group
(a) "Moonlight" Haile
(b) "When the Roses Bloom" Reichard
Mr. Clark
Concerto in A Minor Saint Saens
Gustave LaZazzera
Baritone solo, "Si Mes Vers" Hahn
Mr. Clark
Baritone group
(a) "Just a Wearyin' " Buck
(b) "I Love You Truly" Buck
Mr. Clark
Cello solo, selected
Gustave LaZazzera
Baritone solo, "It is Enough" (Elijah) Mendelssohn
Mr. Clark
9.00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9.30 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

FRIDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports

P. M.
6.00 Dinner concert by the WBZ Quintette
March from "Aida" Verdi
"Love's Spell" Kendall
Selection "Robin Hood" DeKoven
"Only a Smile" Zamecnik
"Espana Waltz" Waldteufel
Four Indian Love Lyrics Woodforde-Finden
(a) "Temple Bells"
(b) "Less Than the Dust"
(c) "Kashmiri Song"
(d) "Till I Wake"
"Toreador's Song" Bizet
7.00 "When the Haystack Turned Bottom Up," a dramatized story prepared by the Youth's Companion
7.35 Bedtime story for the Kiddies
Current Book Review by E. A. MacDonald of the Court Square Book Store
Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9.55 Arlington Time Signals
11.00 Program of Chamber Music by the WBZ Quintette, and Helen Mosher, soprano; Ellen Rogers, accompanist
"Bakery March" Linz
WBZ Quintette
Soprano group
(a) "Porgi amor" Mozart
(b) "Voi che sapete" Mozart
Miss Mosher
Musical Gems from "Behaikowsky" Langey
WBZ Quintette
Soprano group
(a) "Songs My Mother Taught Me" Dvorak
(b) "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair" Haydn
(c) "Song of India" Rimsky-Korsakow
(d) "Quelgwug" Strauss
Miss Mosher
"Solvejg's Song" Grieg
WBZ Quintette
Soprano group
(a) "The Little Red Lark" (Old Irish)
(b) "The Kerry Dance" Molloy
(c) "Good-bye Summer" Tosti
Miss Mosher
Marguerite Waltz from "Faust" Gounod
WBZ Quintette
(Eastern Standard Time)

SATURDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston Market Reports

P. M.
7.00 Dinner concert by the Hotel Kimball Trio direct from the Hotel Kimball dining room; Jan Geerts, violinist and director; Angela Godard Lonergan, cellist; Paul Lawrence, pianist
7.30 Bedtime story for the Kiddies
"Bringing the World to Americ," prepared by "Our World Magazine"
8.00 Concert by Hazel R. Kimball, soprano; George C. Vieh, pianist and accompanist
Soprano group
(a) "Thy Beaming Eyes" MacDowell
(b) "How Sweet to Love" Gregh
(c) "The Answer" Terry
Miss Kimball
Soprano solo, "Jewel Song" from "Faust" Gounod
Miss Kimball
Piano solo, selected
Mr. Vieh
Group of Children's Songs Burton
(a) "A Regular Circus Bear"
(b) "The Elephant Clown"
(c) "The Tiny Mouse"
(d) "The Donkey"
Bedtime story
Miss Kimball
Piano solo, selected
Mr. Vieh
Soprano solo, "The Swan" Saint-Saens
Miss Kimball
Soprano group
(a) "Cradle Song" Fritz Kreisler
(b) "Irish Love Song" Lang
Miss Kimball
Soprano solo, "The Rosary" Nevin
Miss Kimball
9.00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9.35 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Phila Mayhew entertained the Jolly Twelve Whist Club Saturday, Jan. 17. Gentlemen's night was observed and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

L. H. Penley and family of Portland were recent guests of relatives.

L. H. Emery underwent a critical operation last week, but at latest report is doing well. Dr. W. E. Webber of Lewiston, assisted by Dr. W. B. Raymond, performed the operation.

Walter Cole has returned from the Central Maine General Hospital and is improved in health.

Mrs. Harry Jacobs pleasantly entertained the Jolly Twelve Whist Club Tuesday.

Wendall Ring of Bryant's Pond was the guest Saturday of Lewis' Mann.

Edward Burnham was the week end guest of his grandmother Mrs. Emma Mann, at Norway.

One or two cases of measles are reported in families just outside of the village.

The regular meeting of the Teacher Training Class Universalist Sunday School, will be held every Monday evening with Mrs. I. C. Bates. The monthly meeting of the Mission Circle will be held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Bates.

Mrs. H. W. Dunham entertained the Good Will Society Wednesday afternoon.

Lewis J. Mann has been quite ill for the past ten days and unable to attend school.

Miss Iola Chandler of West Sumner was the guest Friday of her uncle, P. C. Mayhew, and family.

Mrs. Sara Curtis returned from a visit of several weeks in Portland with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs came with her for the week end.

Mrs. Gertrude Stuart went to Lewiston last week with her sister, Miss Emma Swan. Mrs. Stuart went for medical advice.

The death of Dr. Edgar Barker of Portland recalls to the minds of the middle aged, long time residents of West Paris, many hours of pleasant companionship where before entering the medical profession he was station agent here. Of an optimistic, genial disposition he was always ready to engage in the social functions of the village. He married Miss Sadie Morgan, daughter of the late Charles and Ellen (Locke) Morgan of Portland, who formerly owned and occupied the G. A. Smith building. Mrs. Barker died several years ago.

Postmaster E. D. Curtis is again on duty after having been confined to his house by scarlet fever for four weeks. None of the other members of the family contracted the disease. Junior, the little son, who was at Mothers' Sanitarium at the time of Mr. Curtis' illness recovering from an operation for appendicitus, has gotten along finely.

Sunday, January 27 was observed as Young People's Sunday at the Universalist Church. There was special singing. Mrs. Alice Barden Wellcome of Waltham, Mass., sang two solos and Mrs. Jennie Bates and Mrs. Wellcome sang a duet. Responsive reading was read by Thelma Richardson. The scripture was read by Valerie Houle. Chas. Perkins spoke on "What the Y. P. C. U. has done for the Church." Stanley Perhap on "What the Church may do for the Y. P. C. U." These young men deserve much credit in preparing and giving these addresses. One new member was added to the Union, Sunday. The report of the Sunday School is most encouraging. There are twenty-eight on the honor roll. Four have been perfect in attendance.

Mrs. Jennie Currier of Bryant's Pond was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. C. F. Barden, and family.

Mrs. Helene B. Babler of South Paris spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Clara Rillon.

Harry Rowe and family have moved into a camp on the Bryant's Pond road and will board the help at H. D. McAllister's mill.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball are staying at J. A. Kimball's for awhile.

Charles Morey carried Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Wardwell and Linwood Flint to South Waterford, Friday night, where Mr. Flint and Mrs. Wardwell played for the K. of P. installation and dance. A fine supper was served, and a good time enjoyed by all.

Leon and Cecil Kimball are cutting ice on Chalk Pond.

E. K. Shedd hauled ice for Leon Kimball, Monday.

Some cold: 20 below Monday morning.

Mrs. Cecil Kimball, Mrs. Roy Wardwell, Arthur Wardwell and "Spunk" called on the Misses Emma and Susie Flint, Thursday afternoon.

Hugh and Leo Stearns returned to Bethel, Sunday afternoon.

Miss June Brown returned to Bridgton, Monday.

David and Ingalls McAllister are hauling pulp to the landing at Will Holt's.

Mrs. C. M. Fullerton received word Sunday night that her father was very sick with bronchial pneumonia.

TO OUR READERS:

If you desire any extra copies of the Citizen, please let us know about it not later than Wednesday morning as we do not print more than we need for our regular subscribers.

Take LF

The first dose of the famous "LF" Atwood's Medicine usually brings prompt, blessed relief from the misery of Sick Headache. Try this harmless remedy—famous for 71 years. Large bottle 50 cents—1 cent a dose. All dealers. "LF" MEDICINE CO., Portland, Maine.

HEADACHE . . GOES . .

MITTENS

Wool Mittens, 35c to 1.00
Leather Mittens, 50c to 1.25
Lined Mittens, 50c to 1.00

Now is the Time to Buy

We are Selling Mittens at LOWEST PRICES for years.

Bethel ROWE'S Maine

L. F. PIKE CO.
Men's Clothing Stores

Down Go Our Overcoats

We want to close out the remainder of our Winter Overcoats and the best and quickest way is to offer them at Money Saving Prices.
THIS WE HAVE DONE.

Coats made by Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Clothcraft

Every one of them new this fall and cut in the latest styles.
Each one fully guaranteed to your satisfaction.
Several weeks of winter wear ahead, and
You will have a good stylish coat for next winter at a much less price than you will pay another year for the same values.
Write us about them or better come and see them. New prices now

$19.50 to $37.50

NORWAY BLUE STORES SOUTH PARIS

WITH THE FUNNY MEN

REBUKED

Old Lady (to druggist)—I want a box of canine pills.

Druggist—What's the matter with the dog?

Old Lady (indignantly)—I want you to know, sir, that my husband is a gentleman.

The druggist put up some quinine pills—in profound silence.—Courage-Leader.

Hit Was the Owl.

A Londoner looking over a country estate was startled by a peculiar screeching noise.

"I say, old chap," he asked the agent, "what was that?"

"An owl"

"I know that, my dear fellow, but 'ow's dats the 'ooting?"

Had to Spoil It.

"We've simply got to call a halt," he said. "We can't go on living beyond our means forever."

"I knew you'd do something to spoil the first day for me," she replied. "This is the first morning for a week that I haven't had a headache."

DINNER TALK

Reggie—We should waste nothing; I advocate using even calf's brains, another know.

Miss Higgs—As articles of diet, Mr. Fished, or as organs of thought?

Ask Me, Ask Me.

Maria Ritter (stark fic. synonym, to dramatic critic)—What's another name for "ingenue," Brown?

Brown—"Ingenuousness," of course. —Wayside Tales.

VERY CLOSE

Ma—Next to me, what do you like you in all the world?

Na—I like to be right next to you.

Fire Protection.

First Girl—Do you wear pajamas?

Second Girl—No, but I keep a lovely pair where I can get at 'em quick in case of fire

On the Campus.

"Come to the party and bring a few nice girls," said Freshmanfred.

"I'll be there with bells," declared Sophomorion.

The Difference.

New Yorker—You Bostonians are a strange race. The difference between you and I—"

Bostonian—Yes there is the difference.

Hard to Find.

"Where is your best place to spend the summer?"

"Any place where I can't have to spend very much else."

Shocking.

Dear—I never play Monte as a game. I'm shy on it. Why, he won't even look there is the women's shoes many nights of vacation.

Rashness or Goodness.

Our word luckster is a corruption of an old medieval word for "worthless" in those days almost the whole population existed by agriculture, and the "luckster" or "worthless" was the lowest office, held by the youngest and poorest. Similarly in those days a "wicked luckster" was a knight of an inferior rank, as nowadays a luckster of any is one who has not yet been admitted to the degree of master of arts. The world's present meaning of an unmarried man is more than 300 years old, and signifies a man who has not yet entered upon the full duties of manhood's estate. Our present-day old dream that wicked and worthless men should come to grief!

Newspaper Association Member No. 6028

SOUTHERN STATE HAULS ITSELF OUT OF THE MUD

North Carolina Definitely placed in Good Roads Country

North Carolina was for years a pitiful example of muddy highways, impassable roads, inconvenient travel. Today North Carolina, after the expenditure of sixty-five millions of dollars, has made it possible to go from almost anywhere in the State to anywhere else without getting stuck in the road, has linked all her county seats with a good road system, and provided main State highways which gladden the State and leave nothing to be desired on the part of the tourist.

It took ten years of education and five of construction before this result was attained; and the end is not yet, for it is proposed to spend up to two hundred millions on State roads before the job is finished.

With wonderful scenic beauty and a location on a direct line for all tourist travel north and south, North Carolina does not propose to lose the benefits which the automobile may bring, in tourist travel, in social intercourse, in modern country schools, in good health, in increased commerce, in the influx of modern civilization to remote districts. It has been a Herculean task to arrange so comprehensive a system of financing as is necessary for so large an expenditure, and educate those without experience of the blessing of good roads to the need of supplying the money. But the progressive and public spirited citizens of the State have done the work and all North Carolina is reaping the benefit.

North Carolina's experience, similar to that of others which have gone through the same process, is but another argument for the idea that the Nation's good roads problem will never be properly solved until it, like its progressive States, provides a national system of highways, to be built and forever maintained by the National Government, just as the good roads States build and maintain their individual good-road systems.

CHURCHES BENEFIT FROM IMPROVED ROADS

Ministers Find Smooth Highway Necessary for Parish Work

"What is the matter with the church?" is the favorite demand of those who find something the matter with it. The country minister knows what is the matter with his church; nine times out of ten it is mud that is the matter with it; ruts and holes in roads which are the matter with it; inability of parishioners to get to it which is the matter with it, only equalled by his inability to go to his parishioners.

The United States is a God fearing, church-going Nation. Churches grow; new churches are constantly being built. People want and need churches, but in the rural districts, miles from a good road, but a handful can gather at the church a few miles from home, unless the Sabbath happens to have been preceded by a long spell of dry weather.

The farmer must be merciful to his horses. Time is a great factor in rural life. Where roads forbid the extra work, and a long trip means most of Sunday gone in travel, church attendance inevitably suffers.

Where roads are good, the country church makes no complaint of lack of attendance. Where highways are smooth, a parish may be five times as large and still not too large. Good highways are an asset to the church, as vital to the rural Home of God as they are to rural schools and rural social intercourse.

HIGHWAYS VITAL TO BETTER CIVILIZATION

European Experience Proves Need of Roads in America

The part that highways play in the progress of civilization is well shown by the experience of Europe during the past 2,000 years. From the golden mile stone in Rome great highways were built to the eastern bounds of the Roman Empire. Over them went the Roman soldier, and with him and after him came the Greek school master, and with him schools and civilization. Over them went the missionary of the cross, and with him the church, hospital, medical science, and improved agriculture.

Present day lords of pasture, schools, science and government, great churches and cathedrals, and the aristocracy of population, wealth and culture, are found along the highways thrown out from Rome.

On that famous July day, when the carriage stood the point of his wedge between the English and the French at Waterloo Thierry, and there was not a gun or a gun to oppose their march to the English Channel, it was the highways which saved Europe. Fifty miles away were forty thousand U. S. Marines and other troops and a thousand American motor trucks. Due to the splendid roads of France, they arrived on time, and the "check troops" of the German Army were hurled back. The motor truck and the roads of France saved civilization.

If for twenty centuries the system of highways has been the mold into which sixty generations of European have been cast and have taken shape, who can measure the influence on American life of a national highway system, gridironing the land between ocean and ocean and connecting all the county seats of all the States! When the rate of speed on Europe's roads was but three to six miles per hour for passengers and two miles per hour for freight, the highway determined twenty centuries of history. What will be the effect on American life with high wages which speed up the movement of passengers to twenty five or even forty miles an hour and of freight to twelve or even thirty miles per hour, at the same time reducing the cost?

TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS

If you are single and support in your home one or more relatives over whom you exercise family control, you are the head of a family and entitled, in your income tax return for the year 1923, to the same exemptions granted a married person. These are $2,500 if the net income was $5,000 or less and $2,000 if the net income was more than $5,000. In addition the head of a family may claim a $400 credit for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable for self-support because mentally or physically defective.

For example, a son support in his home an aged mother and two sisters 14 and 16 years of age. His net income for 1923 was $3000. He is entitled to an exemption of $2,500 plus a $400 credit for each dependent, a total of $3,700. While he pays no tax, he must file a return because his net income was in excess of $1,000.

An exemption on the head of a family can be claimed by only one member of a household.

GRAFTON PLANTATION

Mrs. Walter Vail has gone to Bethel to assist in the household of her son, Guy Vail, whose wife is poorly.

Mr. Frank Bushley and Mr. Lester Walker each dressed a fine hog last week.

Mr. James Chilman and son are hauling pulp to the river bank from back of Frank Douglass'. Mr. Baker is assisting with the work.

Mr. Frank Bushley and Richard Blake, who are getting out birch for W. J. Vail, have transferred some over the river.

ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howey are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Saturday, Jan. 26.

Mrs. Grace Roberts is assisting Mrs. C. A. Rand.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Irving Akers, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6.

Nine members of the Ladies' Farm Bureau were present at the meeting in the hall, Tuesday, Jan. 22. A fine dinner was served at noon and under the direction of Miss Mary Talbot, Chairman, three dress forms were made.

Born, Friday, Jan. 25, to the wife of Cecil Wooster, a daughter.

Roberta Thurston gave a party to fourteen little friends Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24, in honor of her ninth birthday. Games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by her mother, Mrs. Ray Thurston. She received some nice gifts.

At the Young People's Whist, held Thursday evening, Mrs. Helen Dunn and Fred Milton won first prizes, Mrs. Frank Newton and Burt Dunn the consolation prizes. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Wynna and Eunice Holley are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Alice Crocker.

Miss Sadie Bailey, Lecturer of Lone Mt. Grange, is attending the Lecturers' Conference at Augusta.

The King's Daughters meet with Mrs. Charles Ripley this Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Viola Wood was operated on for appendicitis last week at the McCarty Hospital.

ALBANY

Nearly everyone is busy harvesting ice.

Charles Beckler and family are enjoying their radio these cold winter evenings.

Mrs. P. C. Andrews of Bethel has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Beckler.

Irving and Charles Beckler attended the funeral of J. W. Dresser recently at North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Beckler visited his aunt, Mrs. Sylvia Beckler, of Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Wonder if it was ever any colder in Albany than Sunday morning? Expect we needed something to make us appreciate the beautiful weather we have been having.

CANTON

The installation of the officers of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., occurred Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The installing officer was the retiring Matron, Mrs. Annie T. Rose, assisted by Past Matrons Mrs. Estella C. Briggs, Marshal, and Mrs. Helen A. Eastman, Chaplain. The new officers are:

W. M.—Mrs. Julia K. Hollis
W. P.—Edwin K. Hollis
A. M.—Miss Carrie F. Hayford
Cond.—Mrs. Velda P. Bicknell
Asso. Cond.—Mrs. Hazel Ray
Treasurer—Mrs. Lida Tyler
Secretary—Mrs. Clara Mendall
Adah—Mrs. Jennie Bisbee
Ruth—Mrs. Margaret Fisher
Esther—Mrs. Katherine York
Martha—Mrs. Julia H. Adams
Electa—Mrs. Cornelia Richards
Sentinel—Dwight A. Bisbee
Warder—Mrs. Anna H. Bailey

Music and games were enjoyed and a buffet lunch served.

Miss Mabel J. Gosling, who teaches at Wells Beach, has been called home by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Eugene E. Gosling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowles of Livermore are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Minnie J. Howes of Portland has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur L. Tirrell, and other relatives in town for a few days, returning Saturday.

Mrs. Tessie Ryerson of Portland has been at her home in Hartford for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dyke of Hanover have been guests of her father, A. P. Russell.

Mrs. Carrie Dameron, who has been ill at the home of John L. Darrington, was able to go to North Easton, Mass., Saturday, with her daughter, Mrs. Esther Annis, who has been here caring for her.

Canton Grange presented the drama, "Listen, Ladies!" at their hall Thursday evening, the following ladies taking part: Miss Ethel W. Russell, Mrs. Ethel Gosling, Mrs. Lena T. Hall, Mrs. Margaret Fisher, Mrs. Ivz Bryant, Mrs. Cora B. Fuller, Mrs. Hattie Dailey, Mrs. Annie T. Rose, Miss Wilma Hussey, Mrs. Viletta Bryant. There was also music and a recitation on the program. A dance followed the entertainment. A fine supper was served from 5.30 to 7 o'clock.

A three-act comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty," will be given in the Canton Opera House, Thursday evening, Feb. 7th, under the auspices and for the benefit of the local troop of Boy Scouts. The cast of characters are: Sam, Frank Bicknell; Ting, Herschel Ellis; William Winkler, Waldron Morse; Aunt Jane, Charlotte Bicknell; Jane, Eleanor Patterson; Bobbie Baxter, Junior Johnson; Benjamin Moore, Cola York; Kitty, Doris Fletcher; Suzette, Kathleen Fisher. Those taking part are well known in Canton for their dramatic ability, as evidenced by previous performances this last fall. The play is being coached by Supt. W. Linwood Chase.

Penemah Rebekah Lodge held its installation Friday evening, the officers being installed by D. D. President Mrs. Christine L. March and D. G. Marshal, Miss Josephine Cole, both of Buckfield, assisted by the following Past Noble Grands, Miss Carrie F. Hayford, Mrs. Maud Richardson, Mrs. Etta B. Gilbert, Mrs. Cora B. Fuller, Mrs. Edith S. Ellis, Miss Harriet Swett. The officers are:

N. G.—Mrs. Ethel D. Gosling
V. G.—Mrs. Julia H. Adams
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Fannie B. Lucas
Fin. Sec.—Mrs. Velda P. Bicknell
Treasurer—Mrs. Almeda Chamberlin
Warden—Miss Angie Swett
Conductor—Mrs. Hazel Glover
R. S. N. G.—Mrs. Ethel H. Johnson
L. S. N. G.—Mrs. Cora F. Harding
R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Etta Gilbert
L. S. V. G.—Mrs. Mildred Worden
Chaplain—Miss Ruth Richardson
I. G.—Mrs. Wilma Richardson
O. G.—Mrs. Sadie G. Hodge

At the close of the installation the retiring Noble Grand, Mrs. Lilian Bicknell, was presented with a Past Noble Grands collar and the installing officers with pretty embroidered towels. A memorial service was held for a deceased sister, Mrs. Henrietta L. Glover, and the charter draped. It was voted to hold the next district meeting in Canton, Good Faith Lodge of Buckfield assisting in entertaining. Buffet refreshments were served after the meeting and music by the Misses Alice and Ida Hiser enjoyed.

Mrs. Kathryn Sanders returned Saturday from the C. M. G. Hospital and is gaining daily.

Sunday was the coldest day of the season, the thermometer registering from 36 to 38 degrees below zero, with a high wind.

Mrs. Ruth Moore, widow of the late Nahum Moore, who passed away last week, has many friends in Canton where she was a former resident.

Mrs. M. B. Packard, who is stopping with her son at Rumford, was in town Saturday and visited her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Peirce, of Woodlands over the Sabbath.

THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN
$2.00 per year in advance

BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 1)

Mr. Ervin Hutchinson of West Bethel was in town, Tuesday.

Mr. Elphalet Blake of Island Pond, Vt., was in town, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Thurston were in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Mr. F. J. Tyler has been attending a Canner's Convention at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Kennerson spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Tyler.

Mrs. Fred Pauley of West Paris was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell, Tuesday.

Rev. S. T. Achenbach is in Bangor attending Convocation Week at the Seminary.

Mrs. Thomas Brown and Mrs. Eva Herrick were in Locke's Mills one day this week.

Mr. Z. E. Greenleaf of Madison, Me., is a guest of his son, S. S. Greenleaf, and family.

Mr. James B. Packard of Monmouth is a guest at the home of his brother, H. A. Packard.

Mrs. Grace Swan, Mrs. D. C. Conroy and son, Rupert, of Berlin, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Swan, Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Robertson and Miss Mabel Kelley were called to their home in Winchester, Mass., Wednesday, by the death of their father.

Mrs. Clifford V. Rand of Bethel, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the St. Marie Hospital, Lewiston, recently is resting comfortably.

Mr. C. L. Davis was in Portland last week to see his wife who is with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Wormell. Mrs. Davis is more comfortable at this writing.

Mrs. S. T. Achenbach recently attended the Missionary meetings of the Western Maine Branch and the Woman's Home Missionary Union at Portland.

Mrs. Ella Mansfield is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Badger, at Portsmouth, N. H.

Mrs. Howard Tyler and son, Ronald, are visiting her mother, Mrs. P. L. Rahideau, in Milan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poole went to Oxford, Sunday, to attend the funeral of his brother, Thomas Poole.

Bethel is entitled to two delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Lewiston, Feb. 12.

Mr. Stanley Wentzell returned home Saturday from Oquossoc, where he has been employed in the woods.

Miss Avis Cottrell has returned to Boston after spending several days as the guest of Miss Muriel Park.

Mr. Lawrence Kimball of Bellefonte, Pa., and Miss Alice Kimball of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. John Howe of East Bethel were called home by the death of their mother, Mrs. B. W Kimball last week.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. B. W. Kimball were: Rev. John E. Berry of Bryantville, Mass., Mrs. J. R. Remick of Provincetown, Mass., Mrs. Bert Thomas of West Sumner, and Mrs. Ed. Bean of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Aristocratic Nature.

Nature is a ruthless aristocrat—careless of the masses, careful to pamper the few on the destruction of the many.—Moses Harvey.

For many years the Boston Globe has been noted for the accuracy of its news reports.

News, Sports, Comics, Fiction and Editorials—for the best read the Boston Daily and Sunday Globe.

Make the Globe your Boston newspaper.

PURE JERSEY MILK
from Tested Cows
AT
12c per Quart
in Maine Sealed Bottles
NIGHT OR MORNING DELIVERY
G. B. HARLOW
Mason Street Bethel, Maine

IRA C. JORDAN
General Merchandise
BETHEL. MAINE

Home Comfort
INSULATED CUSHION
Weatherstrip
SIMPLICITY OF OPERATION
Simply Tack On---Turn The Corners
Keeps the Cold and Snow from Blowing In around the Doors and Windows
Come In and Ask to See It
G. L. THURSTON BETHEL MAINE

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named.

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1924, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Sarah R. Blake late of Gilead, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Henry H. Hastings as executor of the same to act without bond presented by said Henry H. Hastings, the executor therein named.

Lillian M. Morse late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of inheritance tax presented by L. P. Morse, administrator.

Witness, Aretas E. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

Albert D. Park, Register.

1-24-3t-p

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the estate of Horatio A. McLeod late of Dixfield in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

JAMES H. McLEOD,
Upton, Maine.

January 21, 1924. 1-24-3t-p

RUMFORD

The annual installation of officers of Purity Rebekah Lodge was held last week when the following officers were installed:

N. G.—Bessie Strople
Rec. Sec.—Elizabeth Sweetsir
Fin. Sec.—Gertrude Clark
Treasurer—Mae Abbott
Warden—Maude Griffin
Conductor—Mabel Smith
Chaplain—Eunice Putnam
R. S. N. G.—Kathleen Lee
L. S. N. G.—Vivian Brown
R. S. V. G.—Lelia Saunders
L. S. V. G.—Evelyn Fisher
I. G.—Inez Chaffin
O. G.—Nettie Wellman

Mrs. Eleanor Tremblay, dressmaker at the store of the E. K. Day Co., is at the McCarty Hospital for treatment.

Much sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Zenas Morse on the death of her mother, Mrs. Macgregor, of Hallowell.

Dr. Henry M. Howard and Fred Palmer have engaged rents in the two apartment house recently completed on the corner of Plymouth Avenue and Knox Street, and owned by Dr. H. W. Stanwood.

Mrs. Mary Porter is in Portland receiving treatment for her spine which suffered an injury some months ago in an automobile accident.

The death of Jacob Gallant occurred last week at his home on Spruce Street, following a long illness. The deceased who had lived in Rumford for a period of 20 years, had been employed at the International Paper mill. His age was 46. Surviving are his wife, who has the sympathy of her many friends.

Rumford is entitled to 13 delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Lewiston on Wednesday, March 12th.

Miss Lora Jean Carlisle, world's champion woman fancy skater, and her jointly famed partner, Mr. Edward Bourke, will appear twice daily at the ice rink during the Rumford Winter Carnival, which takes place on February 18th and 19th. These ice skating marvels, beautifully costumed, will put on a program of fancy skating that is absolutely without parallel. Rumford is considered especially fortunate in securing this attraction. This act is one of the many events that will feature Rumford's first carnival.

Stephen B. Pennell, Origene Filiault, Harry J. Carroll and William F. Cyr, have filed their petitions with the Town Clerk. The law requires that each candidate secure only fifty signatures. Most of the petitions have at least one hundred or more. The law requires that these petitions be filed at least eight days before town meeting with the Town Clerk, and any voter seeking town office must file a petition.

Miss Alfreda Annis, assistant to Mrs. Fannie T. Heth of Lewiston, opened her classes in dancing on Saturday of last week at McMenamin Hall. The attendance at the opening classes was unusually large, and it will be necessary for Miss Annis to rearrange her schedule so as to accommodate all those desiring instruction. Miss Annis instructs in athletic and toe dancing in classes and in private lessons, also all the latest New York ball room dances are taught. Miss Helena Bromwich serves as pianist. Miss Annis, who is well known here, plans to hold a public recital in the spring.

Mrs. Harry Densmore is attending the New England Hairdressers' Convention in Boston this week. Her beauty shop in the Cheney Block will be closed this week during her absence.

Miss Hattie Israelson plans to attend the winter carnival in Berlin, N. H.

Miss Evangeline McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCoy of Franklin Street, has the position of assistant buyer in the dry goods store of Jordan, Marsh in Boston. Miss McCoy graduated from Rumford High School last June, and is now enjoying her work very much. She makes her home while in Boston with her grandmother, Mrs. Murphy. Miss McCoy expects to come to Rumford next month for a visit.

Mrs. Robert Drummond is expected home soon after an extended stay at her former home in Portland. Mrs. Drummond, who was taken ill very soon after her marriage last October, went to her home in Portland in November.

The officers as installed for this coming year by Mt. Zircon Chapter, No. 142, O. E. S., are as follows:

W. M.—Alice Roberts
W. P.—Louis A. Hammond
A. M.—Winnie Hammond
Treasurer—Rose A. Clough
Cond.—Mary E. Watson
Asso. Cond.—Inez Chaffin
Chaplain—Gertrude Burditt
Marshal—Nellie S. Morse
Organist—Bertha C. Welch
Adah—Georgia Young
Ruth—Ruperta Clough
Esther—Aurelia Ferguson
Martha—Beatrice York
Electa—Beatrice M. Evans
Warder—Margaret Watson
Sentinel—Clyde Watson

The Rumford Driving Club is making active preparations for their big ice racing events which are to feature the second day of the Rumford Winter Carnival. Other Driving Clubs and horsemen throughout the State have been communicated with, and many have promised to be here.

Mr. Silva J. Gonya of the Oxford Insurance Agency, has left for a sojourn in the South.

Miss Catherine Wilson of Boston, teacher of international and toe dancing, will appear at the annual Burns celebration under the auspices of Clan Chisholm on Thursday evening of this week at Municipal Hall. Miss Wilson was the dancer at last year's concert, and her charming personality, daintiness of toe dancing and technique of step dancing was so enthusiastically received that she was re-engaged for this concert.

Books added recently to the Rumford Public Library are: Dear Godchild by Edith Serrell and Marguerite Bernard; Damaged Souls by Gamaliel Bradford; Blacky the Crow by Thornton W. Burgess; India in Ferment by Claude H. Van Tyne; French Books added are, Le Petit Chose by Alphonse Daudet; L'enfant de la lune by Jeann Muriet; In the Library may be found two magazines devoted to paper and pulp manufacture, namely "Paper," a weekly technical journal for paper and pulp mills; "Paper Industry," the monthly educational journal of the paper industry.

That Rumford High School is badly in need of more spacious quarters is pointed out in the annual report of J. Frank Carter, principal of the school, recently submitted to L. E. Williams, Superintendent. The present building is overtaxed, and were it not for the long school day of eight periods, all classes could not be heard for want of class room. There are at present 522 students registered at the school, and of these, but 75 are to graduate. The entering class will at least number 150, and with a normal increase in the junior high school, conditions, at present bad, will be almost impossible. The school needs a gymnasium and an auditorium. The majority of the pupils are denied library privileges, because the school library is only large enough to permit six students using it at one time. Because of existing conditions, the Rumford school board is to recommend at the coming town meeting the immediate purchase of eight lots of land adjoining the present High School property, and the erection of a new and larger school building. At the present time the school board feel that a building 60x100, having eight recitation rooms with a large gymnasium and auditorium in the basement, would best fulfil the needs. A building of this kind would be used as a Senior High School containing the senior, junior and sophomore classes, while the present High School would accommodate the freshman class and the 7th and 8th grades. By removing the 7th grade from the several buildings in which they are now taken care of, these buildings would be greatly relieved.

Only about $2,000 remains unpaid in 1923 taxes at the present time, and this amount it is confidently expected will be settled in full by the time that town meeting arrives. The total commitment for the town for the past year was $208,386.20, while the amount for the Corporation was $55,196.52, or an aggregate commitment for Town and Corporation of $333,582.72. It will be seen that the balance of unpaid taxes is less than one per cent of the total commitment, a collection record we are sure that Rumford should be proud of.

The Committee of Fifteen, Rumford's Advisory Business Men's Committee, have completed a number of recommendations covering town appropriations. These recommendations, on the whole, differ but little from those of last year. Other town meetings are to be taken up at two meetings of this body to be held in the near future, and the remainder of the appropriations prepared. It was voted that the following appropriations be recommended for their several town accounts: Town poor, $12,000; Town debt and interest, $18,000; Town miscellaneous, $2,000; Memorial Day, $100; Library, $3,500; State Aid Road, $1,500; Andover Patrol, $350; Health Officer, $2,400. It was voted that the following sums be approved for recommendation for the following school accounts: common schools, $45,500; High School, $22,000; fuel account, $5,000; text-books, $3,000; repairs, $4,000; supplies, $5,000; evening school, $1,300; miscellaneous, $4,800; insurance, $1,300; light and water, $1,200; Domestic Science, $1,900; Manual Training, $2,900

A radio has recently been installed in the offices of the Dr. Laura F. Noyes Emergency Hospital.

The marriage of Joseph Alphonse Boudreau and Miss Josephine Bernard took place last week at St. John's Church, Rev. Fr. P. J. Boivin officiating. The attendants of the couple were Benoit Bernard and Edward Martin.

Three new teachers have recently been elected to the Methodist Sunday School: Miss Harriet Nesbit, Miss Nellie Dunham and Mrs. Harry Casey. Mrs. Haskell has been chosen as Superintendent of the Home Department, and Mr. H. C. Small as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

An attendance campaign is being waged by the members of the class being taught by Mrs. H. C. Small in the Methodist Sunday School. The captains are Miss Alice Carlisle and Miss Martha Hutchinson. The contest opened the last Sunday in December, and will close in May, the winners to be served a banquet by the losing side. Church attendance counts a point, Sunday School attendance a point, and a new member a point.

Mrs. M. B. Packard of Canton is with her son, A. M. Packard, and family for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harris of Prospect Avenue have left for an extended sojourn in the South. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Pettengill of Franklin Street have also left for a few weeks stay in southern cities.

The marriage of Miss Edna, second daughter of Mrs. Louise Foster, and Kenneth Capen of Eastport took place last week at the home of the bride's mother on Spring Avenue, Rev. H. B. Haskell officiating, using the double ring service. The bride was most becomingly gowned in a velvet gown with gold trimming. A niece of the bride, Miss Winnifred Stetson, served as ring bearer. Following the marriage ceremony, a buffet lunch was served by the bride's mother, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Stetson and Mr. William Foster. The bride's travelling wrap was of plush in black with gray hat. Upon the return from the honeymoon trip, the young couple will take up their residence with the bride's mother. The bride is a native of Rumford, receiving her education in the public schools. She is employed in the mill of the Continental Paper & Bag Co. The groom serves in the employ of the Oxford mill.

Miss Jennie Jeffrey, who is visiting in St. John, N. B., will return to Rumford in February to assist her sister, Mrs. Shanahan, with her millinery work.

LOCKE'S MILLS

The many friends of Gwendolyn Bartlett were surprised to learn of her marriage last Saturday to Joseph Ruffner of Bayonne, N. J. The wedding occurred at New Haven, Conn., where Miss Bartlett and her parents were visiting relatives. One or two of her friends here were in on the secret. Mrs. Ruffner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Bartlett. She is a member of Jefferson Chapter, O. E. S. Mr. Ruffner is editor-in-chief of the Bayonne Times and is also well known for his writings under the name of Dallas Hale. The couple will reside in Bayonne.

Mrs. W. H. Crockett is visiting friends in Haverhill, Mass.

Lester and Donald Tebbets were on a business trip to New York last week.

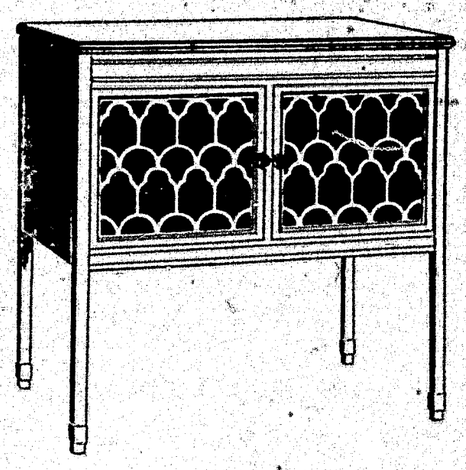
Harry Swift of Bryant's Pond visited with his mother, Mrs. W. R. Swift, Sunday.

Mrs. Jason Bennett was called to Greenwood last week by the illness of her mother.

Lester Varney of North Buckfield is visiting at W. H. Crockett's.

Private iniative and private capital are the elements developing America to first place in world affairs. Every latent resource is brought to productive value through these forces.

Let Nothing Influence You But the Judgment of Your Own Ears



London Console, $135

Let us place a New Edison in your home for a few days without obligation on your part. Try to arrange to have any talking machine placed there at the same time. Then you decide which is the best phonograph.

The New Edison London Console, shown above, embodies the same superior Re-Creative qualities found in the more expensive models of the New Edison group, encased in an attractive cabinet finished in soft brown mahogany. A delight to both eye and ear—yet the price is within the reach of the modest purse.

Only the New Edison dares the test of direct comparison with the living artist.

When may we place a New Edison in your home?

W. J. WHEELER & CO.
Insurance and Pianos
South Paris, Maine

UTK
Tailor Shop
Naimey Building
Tailoring for men and women. Remodelling, Alterations, Repairing, Cleaning and Pressing.
SUITS MADE TO ORDER
ALSO FUR WORK

Men's "All Rubber" Overs

Ball Band and Top Notch, 8 inch top, $3.95

Ball Band, Top Notch and Converse, 12 inch top, $4.95

"A GOOD CHANCE TO SAVE."

Our terms are cash--We sell for less.

E. N. SWETT SHOE CO.

NORWAY, ME. Phone 38-2

"He who finds he has something to sell
And goes and whispers it down a well
Is not so apt to catch the dollars
As he who climbs a tree and hollers."

Use the Citizen for results

The American Legion

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

WHY LEGION POSTS PROGRESS

Working Hand in Hand With Respective Communities Results in Membership Increase.

Progress of the posts of the American Legion is founded on the relations with the community in which they are located, according to findings of the national officers of the organization from a survey of posts showing regular membership increase.

This survey was made in 22 states, principally those of agricultural region, and represented reports from 500 posts in towns with an average population of 11,000 persons. Each of these posts has shown membership increase over that of the preceding year. Membership growth of these posts has not been sporadic. It has been steady and sure. Of the 500 posts formed in 1919, an average of 35 members was shown. In 1920 the average for 307 posts had dropped to 28. The next year 200 posts added one more to the average. In 1922, the average for 500 posts jumped to 34 and thus far the 500 posts show an average of 42 members.

Bonuses assigned for this growth are primarily due to interest in civic affairs. A majority of post officers say that membership has grown because "they have sold the Legion to the community." Such posts have encountered little opposition in their five years' progress in Legion activity.

Actual accomplishments of the Legion show a multiplicity of movements, and a keen observance by the veterans of the needs of the communities. The questionnaires show that posts have built (many) parks and camping grounds; they have erected city parks to be opened; some built and maintain baseball parks and fields; others build community bathing pools; a large number of posts have erected playgrounds to be opened; many have erected public monuments; a few provide free band concerts by Legion musical organizations; some plant trees as a part of a conservation program and for memorial purposes; others maintain burial plots for deceased ex-service men; most Legion posts make efforts to obtain employment for former service men; they direct boy scout movements and sponsor them; they participate in Americanization of aliens, and attend lectures in citizenship for boys and girls, and the entirety perform service work for disabled men, through the posts and in the hospitals either as duties assigned as the regular job of Legion organizations (such the legislative committees for the veterans, service work for the disabled in compensation, participation in local fairs, carnivals, athletics, and other movements developing community interest.

LEGION HAS GREAT GROWTH

Posts of Veterans' Organization in Seventeen Foreign Countries; New York Leads in U. S.

The sun never sets upon the American Legion. Veterans of the World war, scattered to the four corners of the world, have joined other comrades in forming posts of the veterans' association. The annual report of the Legion's national treasurer shows that the Legion has chartered posts in seventeen foreign countries and in the territorial possessions of the United States, in addition to the 48 states and District of Columbia.

The Mexico department leads all foreign countries in membership. Posts have been established in the following nations: Argentina, Brazil, British Isles, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland and Turkey as well as in the territorial possessions of Alaska, Panama Zone, Hawaii, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico.

New York is the largest home department of the Legion. Its 37,617 members gives that state a representation of 66 delegates in the national convention. Texas, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Ohio following in relative order.

SANITARIUM TO BE ENLARGED

Legion Auxiliary of South Dakota Is Breaking Ground for Soldiers' Wing to Institution.

In the heart of the Black Hills where the air is vibrating and pure, the American Legion auxiliary of South Dakota is breaking ground for the erection of a soldiers' wing to the sanitarium for tuberculosis at Rapid City.

Here the man who contracted his disease while playing in the service will have an opportunity to fight sickness with health as he battled with the grim reaper of the host (hosts) and send home victorious to the end.

The sanitarium also cost $100,000. The auxiliary expects to complete the [illegible] next spring and next year, [illegible] one of interest to the world.

EQUALIZING COUNTRY AND CITY PROPERTY

Illinois Tax Commission Will Order Reassessments.

With columns and yards of figures in one hand and the law in the other, John C. Watson, statistician for the Illinois Agricultural association, was busy this past summer making county tax boards of review sit up and take notice.

This was the year for the quadrennial revaluation of farm and city real estate in Illinois for tax purposes; hence the Illinois Agricultural association and county farm bureaus have been on hand to see that farmers do not pay more than their share of 1923 taxes.

Equalization of city and country property was asked for in 24 of the counties investigated and boards of review in 11 of these counties have decreased valuations of farm lands or increased valuations of city property. These counties are Clay, Champaign, Christian, Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, Kankakee, Lawrence, Richland, Scott and Stark.

After hearing the cases of six of the other counties which have refused to equalize, the Illinois tax commission granted the Illinois Agricultural association that it would order reassessments if the board of review did not equalize of their own accord.

A concrete example of equalization secured in the one in Kankakee county. The farm bureau investigation, presented to the board of review, showed that lands were assessed for about 40 per cent of their sales value while city property was assessed for 51 per cent. The board of review made a decrease of 15 per cent in farm property, thus equalizing valuations between the two classes of property.

Farmers of Illinois are taking up this tax investigation work because no official public body is specifically charged by law to find out facts about the valuations of different classes of property for tax purposes.

From the records in the county recorder's office, a card catalogue is made of all sales of real estate for a period of several months prior to or including the assessment date. The full valuation of the same real estate is also secured and from these figures a comparison is made of full valuations between different classes of property.

As every person or corporation is required by the constitution of Illinois to pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property, farmers have been getting the information necessary to see that the law is carried out by boards of review.

PLANS OF CHEESE EXCHANGE

Co-Operative Marketing Department Presents Scheme to Delegates in Wisconsin.

Delegates from the five principal Wisconsin foreign cheese producing counties unanimously adopted the plan presented by the co-operative marketing department of the American Farm Bureau federation for the formation of the foreign cheese exchange.

The farm bureau plan was presented by Waring Peirce, director of co-operative marketing, Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the co-operative marketing department, and E. H. Heaton, dairy marketing specialist.

Green, Lafayette, Iowa, Dane and Rock, the five counties represented at this conference, produce the bulk of the foreign type cheese manufactured in Wisconsin. The proposed exchange will exert a controlling influence in the foreign type cheese market.

An organization committee was chosen by the five county farm bureaus. The county membership on this committee was proportioned according to the number of cheese factories in the county. There was one member for each twenty-five factories.

The co-operative marketing department of the American Farm Bureau federation drew up the contract which is being used in the formation of the foreign cheese exchange and is actively assisting in the organization work of the exchange.

SELL "SUNSHINE" POTATOES

South Dakota Growers Advancing Their Prosperity by Marketing Under Trade Name.

South Dakota potato growers are advancing their prosperity by marketing their product under the trade name of "Sunshine" through the South Dakota Potato Growers' Co-operative exchange.

According to J. J. Martin, manager, co-operative organizations in Iowa and Illinois are coming to the exchange for their potatoes, knowing that when they get No. 1 stock in government inspected cars there are [illegible] the very best. The exchange is slowly attempting to maintain the confidence of the buyers, realizing that it will mean great added wealth to South Dakota producers.

The co-operative exchange began its third year when the first car of potatoes was shipped from Clearmont on August 17. Twenty-five cars were shipped during the month at prices of $1.20 to $1.35 per hundred-pounds to the growers. When the market broke late in the month, the exchange enabled being supplied with cars on track by refusing its members when to ship and when [illegible].

The exchange has the endorsement and help of the South Dakota Farm Bureau federation.

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

ELECTRIFICATION OF FARM TO BE STUDIED

Committee Will Direct Development of Power Problem.

The movement to stimulate a complete investigation of the application of electricity to farming was brought to a definite working basis at a meeting held in the office of the American Farm Bureau federation, in Chicago, September 11.

At this conference final approval was given to the formation of the "committee on the relation of electricity to agriculture." This committee is composed of O. E. Bradfute, J. W. Coverdale, H. W. Moorhouse, representing the American Farm Bureau federation; Marshall E. Sampsell, G. C. Neff, J. C. Martin, Arthur Huntington, representing the National Electric Light association; E. C. Cosgrove, representing the manufacturers of farm electric plants; Prof. J. S. Davidson, representing the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and S. M. McCoy, representing United States Department of Agriculture.

E. A. White has been employed as director to devote his full time to developing the work of committee. Mr. White will be offered in the headquarters of the American Farm Bureau federation in Chicago.

The formation of this committee brings together various groups vitally interested in rural electrification and marks the first time in American history when the farmer through his own representatives has actively participated in solving problems to be met in taking a new form of power onto the farm.

Reports show that approximately four hundred thousand farms have electric service. This indicates that electrical service is now available on less than seven per cent of the farms in the nation.

The new committee will endeavor to direct development work along sound, economic and engineering lines. It is a new form of co-operative movement and illustrates the possibilities when industries are properly organized.

In its preliminary survey the committee recognized that electrical service on the farm offered great possibilities for improving living conditions, lightening the work of the household, and reducing the cost of production, but before this can be realized there are many economic and engineering problems to be solved. This can best be met by securing the co-operation of men trained in these special fields who have a complete understanding of the situation. This is the line along which the committee proposes to work. The farm power problem will be analyzed and the best talent available put to work on the application of electrical service to this industry.

The first step in this direction, at the request of the committee, has been the undertaking by the United States Department of Agriculture of a national farm power survey to determine the amount of power used in agriculture, the power requirements for various farm operations, the types and sizes of prime movers used, the power requirements of various machines and what operations are still done by hand. Out of this survey should come the fundamental agricultural facts which will form the basis for the economic studies and engineering developments necessary for the proper solution of the problem.

A preliminary investigation has shown that in many foreign countries rural electrification is already well started.

Surveys will be conducted to determine for what operations electricity is used today and also to find out what obstacles stand in the way of its general application to farm operations. Authorities are agreed that we are just entering an electrical age and agriculture does not propose to be one step behind the procession in this development.

Regarding this work, J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation said:

"America is fast passing into an electrical age. Electricity is being adapted to many uses. It has done much to lighten the burdens of the housewife in the cities, and will do equally as much for the farm woman and the farm home when rural electric lines become as popular as the rural telephone. Electricity will be adapted to agriculture, and the committee on electricity and its relation to agriculture has an important line of work to perform in helping lay the foundation for the development of rural electricity without experimentation."

H. M. Ayleworth of the National Electric Light association said:

"The electric light and power companies of the United States have already reached more than 4,000,000 rural customers and in my opinion these companies will, within a period of eight years, serve electricity to 6,000,000 additional farms. It is the duty of the electrical industry to carry electrical labor saving devices to the farm so that the farm family may have every electrical convenience now enjoyed by the city family. It should be apparent that human labor on the farm is less efficient than electrical machinery which can be operated by the farmers pressing the button. This is a few years time farm chores will be done by the electrical servant with much more efficiency and will be a boon to every farmer in the land."

KASS GOT 85 NEW MEMBERS

Detroit Legion Worker Won Trip to National Convention for His Rapid-Fire Hustling.

John Kass, a member of the Charles A. Learned post of the American Legion in Detroit, made the Legion national hall of fame recently when he enrolled 85 new members for his post. As a prize for winning the contest he received a trip to the Legion national convention in San Francisco with all transportation expenses paid by the post.

The most formidable rival Kass developed in the contest which lasted about two and one-half months was "Pete" Kolbe who obtained 65 members. Both of the contestants worked hard during the last four days of the race. Kolbe obtained 13 new members, but this record was beaten by Kass who speeded up the home stretch and recruited 25 Legionnaires, or nine a day during that period.

The two successful membership

John Kass.

"getters" obtained some valuable information during the contest. One of the surprising bits of information was that the reason why many veterans have not joined the Legion is because they have never been asked to enter the organization. Legion officials cite this fact as a demonstration of the necessity for a more active canvass of former service men.

Both Kass and Kolbe signed up scores of veterans for the Legion in previous membership contests.

MAY ADMIT FORMER ENEMIES

Owsley Favors Permitting Germans, Austrians and Russians to Enter Veterans' Federation.

Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, created a sensation in veterans' circles when he asked allied veterans to dismiss passion and hatred from their hearts and plan to admit German, Austrian and Russian World war fighters into the Interallied Veterans' Federation.

"Surely there must be some way in which we can speak to the men we fought and make them realize there is a better way of living among nations than continuing battling one another," Commander Owsley declared at the recent convention of the federation in Brussels. "How can we wish to deal with our former enemies if we haven't the moral courage to get together in peace? Maybe there has been no change of heart among our former enemies. Perhaps there never will be unless we are men enough to undertake to carry to them our peace message. France and Belgium justly are entitled to reparations, but hoarding and keeping in our heart ancient prejudices will not bring the peace we earned by our victory."

Charles Bertrand, president of the federation, representing the views of France and Belgium, indicated that he would favor admittance of the men from the enemy countries as soon as they evinced a desire to pay reparations.

AUXILIARY IS TO HAVE HOME

Alma (Kan.) Organization, With Only Twenty-five Members in Small Town, Sets Example.

A memorial home, for use by all townspeople is the objective of a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary in Alma, Kan. The building, which the women workers of the organization propose to erect, will contain an auditorium, a gymnasium, and a service kitchen on the second floor, quarters for the Legion and for the Auxiliary will be established. While the erection of such a home is not unusual in auxiliary circles, it is an extraordinary undertaking in the case of the unit, which has a membership of 25 in a town of only 750 inhabitants. The women own a site for the proposed home purchased at a cost of $500, and plan early erection of the community memorial.

A La Carte.

We had quarreled at our dinner.
Though I ordered quite a spread.
"It's the woman does the paying,"
She sneered, "when all is said."
Then I turned the check right at her
And I left her in a daze
"Have your way," I quite assured,
"Here's one time the woman pays."
—American Legion Weekly

Massed Bands at Convention.

Massed bands from eight Ohio cities furnished music at a special concert at the annual convention of the American Legion held in Springfield. More than 300 musicians participated.

HANDICRAFT FOR BOYS

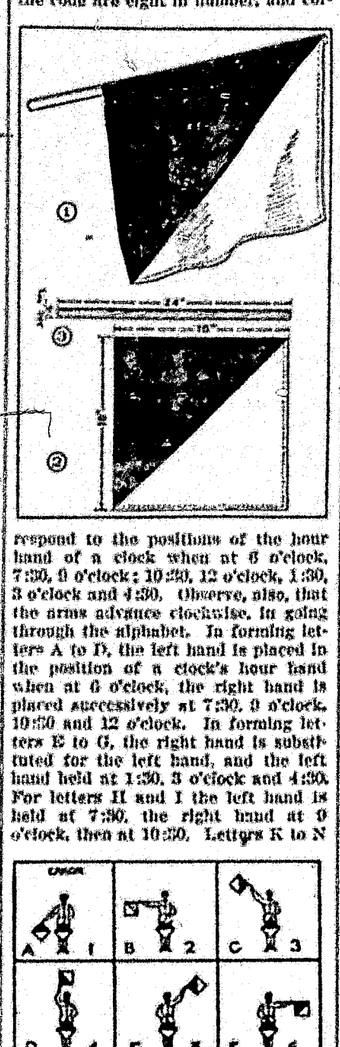
By A. NEELY HALL

(Copyright by A. Neely Hall.)

HOMEMADE HAND FLAGS.

Fig. 1 shows a hand flag of standard size; Fig. 2 gives dimensions of the flag, and Fig. 3 the size of the staff. The flag is divided diagonally into two parts, one of which is made of red muslin, the other of white. Cut the cloth enough larger than shown to allow for turning over one-quarter inch of each edge for a hem.

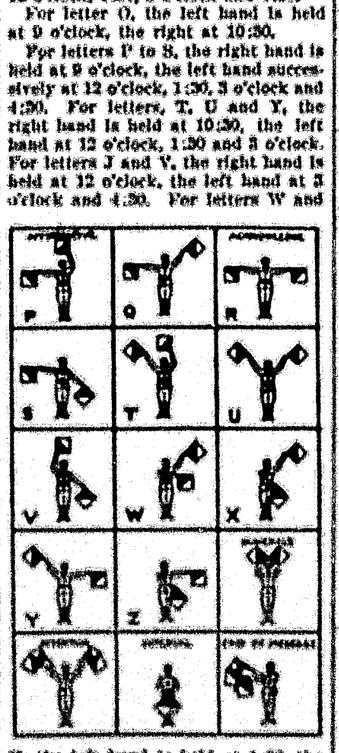
There are several suggestions I can give to help you memorize the code. Observe, first of all, that the positions of the arms in forming the letters of the code are eight in number, and correspond to the positions of the hour hand of a clock when at 6 o'clock, 7:30, 9 o'clock; 10:30, 12 o'clock, 1:30, 3 o'clock and 4:30. Observe, also, that the arms advance clockwise, in going through the alphabet. In forming letters A to D, the left hand is placed in the position of a clock's hour hand when at 6 o'clock, the right hand is placed successively at 7:30, 9 o'clock, 10:30 and 12 o'clock. In forming letters E to G, the right hand is substituted for the left hand, and the left hand held at 1:30, 3 o'clock and 4:30. For letters H and I the left hand is held at 7:30, the right hand at 9 o'clock, then at 10:30. Letters K to N



are formed with the right hand at 7:30, the left hand is placed successively at 12 o'clock, 1:30, 3 o'clock and 4:30.

For letter O, the left hand is held at 9 o'clock, the right at 10:30.

For letters P to S, the right hand is held at 9 o'clock, the left hand successively at 12 o'clock, 1:30, 3 o'clock and 4:30. For letters, T, U and V, the right hand is held at 10:30, the left hand at 12 o'clock, 1:30 and 3 o'clock. For letters J and V, the right hand is held at 12 o'clock, the left hand at 3 o'clock and 4:30. For letters W and



X, the left hand is held at 1:30, the right hand at 3 o'clock and 4:30. For letter Z, the left hand is held at 3 o'clock, the right hand at 4:30.

Remember that the letter "I" is like a printed letter "U," that letter N is U inverted (an small letter "n" is letter "u" inverted), note that for X the arms form the left-hand side of a letter X; note which letters are opposites. After words make the "interval," and at the end of a message make three successive "flop-flops" signals with both flags at the right, as shown.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

PRIMA DONNA SCOUTS' PAL

Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink has a special place in her heart for the boy scouts. A promise made by her eighteen months ago to the scouts of Boise, Idaho, to go camping with them and sing for them around the campfire, is still unfulfilled, but that the great prima donna has forgotten neither her promise nor her scout friends is shown in the following letter recently sent by her to the scouts of Boise.

"My Dearly Beloved Scout-Sons:

"Don't lose faith in me, please. If you know how hard I work, after I was two and one-half months ill, near dying; how I had to make up all the postponed concerts and bank and house—oh, gee, all sorts of things to attend to, you would forgive my not coming or writing. You see, boys, I am, with all my many thousands of friends and own family, alone. There is no loving husband. Since twenty-one years I lost the fine, dear father of my children, and since I am to fulfill the duties of father and mother, and sing besides. As you know, my children now all are married, have their own children. I am free, so you think, to run around and around and enjoy life, but not I. My duties are just as great, and even harder, though I love it and I am happy to be 'the most necessary fact' in many questions.

"This year's vacation I used to fix my new home, where I will live till the Great Caller comes whom we all have to follow peacefully. I am still singing, so I hope, for four years more before I retire. Then I shall have been singing fifty years and close my career with my golden jubilee. To see you all once more, beloved children o' mine, and be with you 'round a campfire and telling you some stories and facts of my life, shall be one of my dearest duties to fulfill, and when you are men and come near my home in California, sooner or later, you will be very welcome there, every one of you.

"My best love and wishes are with you and yours and beautiful, great Idaho, and the Boise City people.

"Devotedly, faithfully,

(Signed)

"'MOTHER' ERNESTINE SCHUMANN-HEINK."

SCOUTS PLAN BIG GOOD TURN

The forces of the Boy Scouts of America are to be drawn up in a nation-wide civic good turn in the form of assistance in community rat-killing campaigns. The executive board, Boy Scouts of America, has recently given official backing to scouts' help in organized effort, to rid the land of the malignant rodent.

That scouting's standards of fair play and humane ideals will in no wise be endangered by scouts' participation in the extermination of the pests, is cited by Dr. W. T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological park, known the world over for his high sportsmanship and sympathetic knowledge of animal life.

"I cannot conceive of a more laudable use of the surplus energies of the boy scouts than in helping in the task of bringing about the total extinction of the common rat, the recognized pest throughout the world," says Doctor Hornaday. "The boy scouts should be commended and encouraged in the ruthless killing of rats. If the loss of the millions of dollars to agriculture and the trade caused by these animals, is not sufficient to justify destruction, then consider the further menace in the carriers of many contagious diseases which they alone are the means of scattering broadcast. In my opinion there is no danger of impairing the morals of boy scouts or encouraging ruthless slaughter of wild animals while engaged in the exterminating of these loathsome pests. If the Boy Scouts of America should be the means of killing off all domestic rats and rodents they would be entitled to a medal and a monument a mile high to show the appreciation of the world in general."

THE PRESIDENT ON SCOUTING

President Coolidge is a firm believer in the boy scout movement. "Your organization," he has said to the scouts, "serves to preserve and build our valuable traits, and I believe that the Boy Scouts of America have a great future before them and could into a real force working for good citizenship."

THE BOY SCOUT GOAL

"We are primarily concerned to building out of the boyhood of today a manhood for tomorrow—a manhood fully equipped physically, mentally and morally, not only to meet the problems of the home, the city and the nation, but the problems of the world. It is a grand and glorious opportunity which we scout leaders have. May God give us strength and wisdom to do the job well."—James E. West, chief scout executive, Boy Scouts of America.

VIO
GW

By
George Barr M

Copyright by Dodd, Mead

SYNOPS

PROLOGUE.—Kennet
ive years old in the
when his father ran a
ory with Rachel C
They look with them
Rachel's baby daughte
Kenneth's mother die
heart. His grandparen
to hate the name o
"an evil woman."

CHAPTER I.—Kenne
lawyer, seeks lodging
the farm of Phineas
Lafayette, Ind. It app
father had recently die
in his way to take po
twelve lands he has
Strikers bought their
father and a mortgage
dren's widow—the Rac
beautiful nineteen-yea
says she knew his fa
refuses to give her no
the Strikers. Ken is
is her.

CHAPTER II.—In th
girl is gone. Striker tel
planning to elope with
and her mother came in
took her home. As K
way Striker tells him:
Viola Gwynn an' she's y

CHAPTER III.—A h
her young fellow rides
Kenn himself as Harry

CHAPTER IV.—Isaac
gives Ken a message
call as soon as he reach

CHAPTER V.—At Laf
his lawyer, Cornell, an
Bigbee. It appears tha
Robert Gwynn, formerly
an Gwynne," divides
property between Ke
Gwyn. Viola is not
has decided not to cont

CHAPTER VI.—Ken
James and finds Rachel i
Rachel reviews the past
in Lafayette knows, R
that Viola is not his fa
let Minda, her own da
first husband; that Viol
self his half-sister. Sh
future in his hands. K
does not make war on

"Why are you telling
he demanded abruptly.
object? If she does
truth, why should I? Go
ax, you—you do not ex
her, do you? Was that
is getting me here? Yo
tell her that—"

"No!" she cried out s
not want you or anyo
that. Listen to me.
about the bush, I will no
So far as Viola and t
concerned, she is H
daughter. That is clear
me? She was less th
old when we came awa
is remember any "ma
twenty-two now, although
she is but nineteen. She
member any other father
Gwyn. She has no recoll
own father, nor does s
her. She—"

"Last night she describ
to me," he interrupted,
dead father, I mean.
little plain that he did n
a father should love his d

"It was not that," sh
was afraid of her, morta
her. He lived in dread
what she would learn if
him upon him. He alw
tell her himself, and yet
find the courage. Towar
could not bear to have h
I do not believe he would
a child if one had come
me, no child of mine co
place you had in his heart
with calm bitterness.
told you about him last
not surprised that she
spoken of him as she did.
possible for her to love h
her. Nature took good
There was a barrier betw

"I have told you the tru
as certain as I am that
you that you would have
some day, some day s
In the first place your fa
mention her in his will.
enough to cause you to w
understand I cannot exp
from you. You will d
it is the matter. There is
you must realize, however
robbed you of anything
a father's love. She does
his death. He did not
nothing, not even a penn
am entitled to my share
earned my share—I worked
he did to build up a fortun
of my lands and my mo
is by daughter. You need
here any part in them. I
me to keep silent on my
only ask you to spare her
these everything. There is
you to speculate. There is
you to marvel. You know
—you know why she was
her father's will. The p
when all is said—she is
sister. She must always—
Yes, she must always look
at her brother. She must n
the truth about me. I pat
ness, her pride, her faith
wife, Kenneth Gwynne."

VIOLA GWYN

By

George Barr McCutcheon

Copyright by Dodd, Mead & Company, Inc.

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE—Kenneth Gwynne was five years old in the spring of 1812 when his father ran away from Kentucky with Rachel Carter, a widow. They took with them Minda Carter, Rachel's baby daughter. In the fall Kenneth's mother died of a broken heart. His grandparents brought him up to hate the name of Rachel Carter, "an evil woman."

CHAPTER I.—Kenneth, now a young lawyer, seeks lodging for the night at the farm of Phineas Striker, near Lafayette, Ind. It appears that Ken's father has recently died and that he is on his way to take possession of extensive lands he has inherited. The Strikers bought their farm of Ken's father and a mortgage runs to his father's widow—the Rachel Carter. A beautiful nineteen-year-old girl, who says she knows his father well and refuses to give her name, is visiting the Strikers. Ken is much interested in her.

CHAPTER II.—In the morning the girl is gone. Striker tells Ken she was planning to elope with Barry Lapelle and her mother came in the night and took her home. As Ken goes on his way Striker tells him: "That girl was Viola Gwyn an' she's your half-sister."

CHAPTER III.—A handsome, dashing young fellow rides up and introduces himself as Barry Lapelle.

CHAPTER IV.—Isaac Stain, a farmer, gives Ken a message from Viola to call as soon as he reaches Lafayette.

CHAPTER V.—At Lafayette Ken sees his lawyer, Cornell, and the recorder, Bagley. It appears that the will of Robert Gwynn, formerly known as Robert Gwynne, divides an extensive property between Ken and Rachel Gwyn. Viola is not mentioned, but has decided not to contest.

CHAPTER VI.—Ken calls at Viola's home and finds Rachel instead of Viola. Rachel reviews the past, which nobody in Lafayette knows. Rachel tells him that Viola is not his father's daughter but Minda, her own daughter by her first husband; that Viola believes herself his half-sister. She puts Viola's future in his hands. Ken tells her he does not make war on women.

"Why are you telling me all this?" he demanded abruptly. "What is your object? If she does not know the truth, why should I? Good G—d, woman, you—you do not expect me to tell her, do you? Was that your purpose in getting me here? You want me to tell her that—"

"No!" she cried out sharply. "I do not want you or anyone else to do that. Listen to me. I ain't beat about the bush, I will not waste words. So far as Viola and the world are concerned, she is Robert Gwyn's daughter. That is clear to you, is it not? She was less than two years old when we came away—too young to remember anything. She is nearly twenty-two now, although she believes she is but nineteen. She does not remember any other father than Robert Gwyn. She has no recollection of her own father, nor does she remember me. She—"

"Last night she described her father to me," he interrupted. "Her supposed father, I mean. She made it quite plain that he did not love her as a father should love his own child."

"It was not that," she said. "He was afraid of her, mortally afraid of her. He lived in dread of the day when she would learn the truth and turn upon him. He always meant to tell her himself, and yet he could not find the courage. Toward the end he could not bear to have her near him. I do not believe he would have loved a child if one had come to him and as no child of mine could take the place you had in his heart." She spoke with calm bitterness. "You say she told you about him last night. I am not surprised that she should have spoken of him as she did. It was not possible for her to love him as a father. Nature took good care of that. There was a barrier between them.

"I have told you the truth, because I am as certain as I am that I stand here now that you would have found it all out some day, some day soon, perhaps. In the first place your father did not bequeath her in his will. That alone is enough to cause you to wonder. You understand I cannot exact any promise from you. You will do as you see fit in the matter. There is one thing that you must realize, however. Viola has robbed you of anything—not even a father's love. She does not profit by his death. He did not leave her a farthing, not even a spadeful of land. I am entitled to my share by law. I earned my share—I worked as hard as he did to build up a fortune. When I die my lands and my money will go to my daughter. You need not hope to have any part in them. I do not ask you to keep silent on my account. I only ask you to spare her. Now you know everything. There is no need for you to speculate. There is nothing for you to unravel. You know who Viola is, you know why she was left out of her father's will. The point is this: she all is said—she must never know. She must always—do you hear me?—she must always look upon you as her brother. She must never know the truth about me. I put her happiness, her pride, her faith, in your hands, Kenneth Gwynne."

He had listened with rigid attention, marveling at the calm, dispassionate, unflinching manner in which she had stated her case and Viola's—indeed, she had stated his own case to him.

"There is no other course open to me," he said, taking up his hat. He was very pale. "There is nothing more to say, now or hereafter. We have had, I trust, our last conversation. I hate you. I could wish you all the unhappiness that life can give, but I am not such a beast as to tell your daughter what kind of a woman you are. So there's the end. Good-day, Rachel Carter."

He turned away, his hand was on the door latch, before she spoke again.

"There is something more," she said, without moving from the spot where she had stood throughout the recital. "It was my pleading, back in those other days, that finally persuaded Robert Gwyn to let me bring Minda up as his daughter. He was bitterly opposed to it at first. He was as firm as a rock on one point, however. He would bring her up as his daughter, but he would not give her his name. It was after he agreed to my plan that he changed the spelling of his own name. That was his real reason for changing his name.

"In the beginning, as I have told you, he believed it to be his duty to tell her the truth about herself. He was sincere in that. But he did not

"The Secret Is Not Entirely in Our Keeping."

have the heart to tell her after years had passed. Now let me tell you what he did a few weeks before he passed away, and you will know what a strange man he was. He came home one day and said to me: 'I have put Viola's case in the hands of Providence. I have written it all out and I have hidden the paper in a place where she is not likely ever to find it—where I am sure she will never look. I will not even tell you where it is hidden, for I do not trust you—no, not even you. You would seek it out and destroy it. If she ever comes across the paper it will be a miracle, and miracles are not the work of man. So it will be God Himself who reveals the truth to her.' Now you can see, Kenneth, that the secret is not entirely in our keeping. There is always the chance that she may stumble upon that paper."

"You are right," he said, deeply impressed. "There is always the chance that it will come to light. Are you sure that no one else knows that she is not his daughter?"

"I am sure of it," she replied with decision.

"And there is nothing more you have to tell me?"

"Nothing. You may go now."

As he walked rapidly away from the house in the direction of Main street he experienced a sudden sense of exultation. Viola was not his sister! As suddenly came the reaction, and with it stark realization. Viola could never be anything to him except a sister.

CHAPTER VII

Brother and Sister.

As he turned into Main street he espied the figure of a woman coming toward him from the direction of the public square. His mind was so fully occupied with thoughts of a most disturbing character that he paid no attention to her except to note that she was dressed in black and that, in holding her voluminous skirt well off the ground to avoid the mud puddles, she revealed the bottom of a white, beruffled petticoat.

His meditations were interrupted and his interest suddenly aroused when he observed that she had stopped stock still in the path. After a moment, she turned and walked rapidly, with scant regard for the puddles, in the direction from which she had come. Fifteen or twenty paces down the road she came to what was undoubtedly a path or "short cut" through the woods. Into this she turned hastily and was lost to view among the trees and hazel brush.

He had recognized her, or rather he had divined who she was. He quickened his pace, bent upon overtaking her. Then, with the thrill of the hunter, he abruptly whirled and retraced his steps, chuckling in anticipation of her surprise when she found him waiting for her at the other end of the "short cut." He could hear her crashing through the brush, although her figure was still obscured by the tangle of wildwood.

She emerged, breathless, into a little open spot, not twenty feet away, and stopped to stare, looking back through the trees and underbrush to see if she was being followed. Her skirts were drawn up almost to the knees and pinched closely about her gray-stockinged legs. He gallantly turned away and pretended to be studying the house across the road. Presently he felt his ears burning; he turned to meet the onslaught of her scornful, convicting eyes.

"Ah, there you are," he cried, lifting his hat. "I was wondering whether you would come out at this—"

"Can't you see I am trying to avoid you?" she demanded with extreme frigidity. "I wish you would go away. I don't want to see you—or talk to you."

"Then why did you leave word for me to come to your house to see you?" he challenged.

"I suspect you know by this time," she replied, significantly.

He hesitated, regarding her with some uneasiness. "What do you mean?" he fenced.

"Well, you surely know that it was my mother who wanted to see you, and not I," she said, almost insolently. "Are you going to keep me standing here in the mud and slush all day?"

"No, indeed," he said. "Please come out."

"Not until you go away."

"Why don't you want to talk to me? What have I done?"

"You know very well what you have done," she cried, hotly. "In the first place, I don't like you. You have made it very unpleasant for my mother—who certainly has never done you any harm. In the second place, I resent your interference in my affairs. Wait! Do not interrupt me, please. Maybe you have not exactly interfered as yet, but you are determined to do so—for the honor of the family, I suppose." She spoke scathingly. "I defy you—and mother, too. I am not a child to be—"

"I must interrupt you," he exclaimed. "I haven't the slightest idea what you are talking about."

"Don't lie," she cried, stamping her foot. "Give me credit for a little intelligence. Don't you suppose I know what mother wanted to see you about? There! I can see the guilty look in your eyes. I am a naughty little girl and my big brother has been called in to put a stop to my foolishness. If you— What are you laughing at, Mr. Gwynne?" she broke off to demand furiously.

"I am laughing at you," he replied, succinctly. "You are like a little girl in a tantrum—all over nothing at all. Little girls in tantrums are always amusing, but not always naughty. Permit me to assure you that your mother and I have not discussed your interesting affair with Mr. Lapelle. We talked of business mat—"

"Then," she cried, "how do you happen to know anything about Mr. Lapelle and me? Aha! You're not as clever as you think you are. That slipped out, didn't it? Well, what is the verdict? What are you going to do to me? Lock me in my room, or tie me hand and foot, or— Please stay where you are. It is not necessary to come any nearer, Mr. Gwynne."

He continued his advance through the thicket, undeterred by the ominous light in her eyes. She stood her ground.

"Viola," he said, affecting sternness, "as a matter of fact, I do not intend to thrust myself upon you or your mother. That is understood, I hope. We have nothing in common and I daresay we can go our own ways without seriously inconveniencing one another. I want you to know, however, that I went to that house over there this afternoon because I thought you wanted to consult with me about something. I was prepared to help you, or to advise you, or to do anything you wanted me to do. You were not there. Your mother—my stepmother—got me there under false pretenses, solely for the purpose of straightening out a certain matter in connection with the—well, the future. For your information I will state that your mother did not refer to the affair at Striker's, nor did I. I knew all about it, however. I know that you went out there to meet Lapelle. You planned to run away with him and get married. I may add that it is a matter in which I have not the slightest interest. If you want to marry him, all well and good. If you were to ask for my honest opinion, however, I should—"

"I am not asking for it," she cried, cuttingly.

"—I should advise you to get married in a more or less regular sort of way in your mother's home."

"Thank you for the advice," she said, coldly. "I shall get married when and where I please—and to whom I please, Mr. Gwynne."

"In view of the fact that I am your brother, Viola, I would suggest that you call me Kenneth."

"I have no desire to claim you as a brother, or to recognize you as one," said she.

He smiled. "With all my heart I deplore the evil fate that makes you a sister of mine."

She was startled. "That—that doesn't sound very—pretty," she said, a trifle dashed.

"The God's truth, nevertheless. At any rate, so long as you have to be my sister, I rejoice in the fact that you are an extremely pretty one. It is a great relief. You might have turned out to be a scarecrow. I don't mind confessing that last night I said to myself, 'There is the most beautiful girl in all the world' and I can't begin to tell you how shocked I was this morning when Striker informed me that you were my half-sister. He knocked a romantic dream into a cocked hat—and— But even so, sister or no sister, Viola, you still remain beyond question the loveliest girl I have ever seen."

There was something in his eyes that caused her own to waver—something that by no account could be described as brotherly. It was something she had seen in Barry Lapelle's eyes, and in the eyes of other ardent men. She was flustered and a little distressed, but recovered herself. "Who told you about Barry Lapelle and me?" she demanded.

"You mean about last night's adventure?" he countered, a trifle maliciously.

She colored. "I suppose someone has— Oh, well, it doesn't matter. I shan't ask you to betray the sneak who—"

"At any rate, it was not your mother," he said. "I have Striker's permission to expose what you call his treachery. He thought it was his duty to tell me under the circumstances. And while I am about it, I may as well say that I think you conspired to take a pretty mean advantage of those good and faithful friends. You deceived them in a most outrageous manner. It wasn't very thoughtful or generous of you, Viola."

She was staring at him in wide-eyed astonishment, her red lips slightly parted. She could not believe her ears. Why, he was actually scolding her! She was being reprimanded! He was calmly, deliberately reproving her, as if she were a mischievous child!

She Turned In at Her Own Gate.

His heart smote him as he saw her eyes fill with tears. He did not mistake them for tears of shame or contrition—far from it, he knew they were born of speechless anger. He had hurt her sorely, even deliberately, and he was overcome by a sudden charge of compassion—and regret.

He was not surprised when she swept by him, her head high, her cheeks white with anger, her stormy eyes denying him even so much as a look of scorn. He stood aside, allowing her to pass, and remained motionless, gazing after her until she turned in at her own gate and was lost to view. He shook his head dubiously and sighed.

"Little Minda," he mused, under his breath. "You were my playmate once upon a time—and now! Now what are you? A rascal's sweetheart, if all they say is true. Gad, how beautiful you are!" He was walking slowly down the path, his head bent, his eyes clouded with trouble. "And how you are hating me at this moment. What a devil's mess it all is!"

His eyes fell upon something white lying at the edge of the path a few feet ahead. It was a neatly folded sheet of note paper. She must have dropped it as she came through. A message, perhaps, from Barry Lapelle, smuggled to her through the connivance of a friendly go-between. He stooped to pick it up, but before his fingers touched it he straightened up and deliberately moved it with the toe of his boot to a less exposed place among the bushes, where he would have failed to see it in passing. Then he strode resolutely away without so much as a glance over his shoulder. His conscience could have rejoiced had he betrayed it by secreting himself among the bushes for a matter of five minutes—for he would have seen Lee steal gently, cautiously into the thicket in search of the lost missive—and he would have been further excited by the little cry of relief that fell from her lips as she snatched it up and sped inconsiderately homeward, as if pursued by all the eyes in Christendom.

As a matter of fact, it was not a letter from Barry to Viola. It was the other way round. She had written him a long letter absolving herself from blame in the contretemps of the night before, at the same time confessing that she was absolutely in the dark as to how her mother had found out about their plans. Then she went on to say that, all things considered, she was now quite sure she could never, never consent to make another attempt.

"I am positive," she wrote, ingenuously, "that mother will relent in time, and then we can be married without going to so much trouble about it." Further on she admitted that, "Mother is very firm about it now, but when she realizes that I am absolutely determined to marry you, I am sure she will give in and all will be well. I love you, but I also love her. Please be kind and reasonable, dear, and do not think I am losing heart. I am just as determined as ever. Nothing can change me. I do wish you would stay away from that awful place down by the river. Mother would feel differently toward you, I know, if you were not there so much. She knows the men play cards there for money and drink and swear. By this time you must know that my brother has come to Lafayette. She signed herself, "Your loving and devoted and loyal Viola."

She had been unable to get the letter to him that day, and for a very good reason. Her messenger, Ellie Wardlow's young brother, reached the tavern just in time to see Barry emerge, quite tipsy and in a vile temper, arguing loudly with Jack Trentman and Syd Butt, the town's most notorious gamblers.

The three men went off toward the ferry. The lad very sensibly decided this was no time to deliver a love letter to Mr. Lapelle, so forthwith returned it to the sender.

The first thing Viola did upon returning to the house with the recovered letter was to proceed to the kitchen, where, after reading it over again, she consigned it to the flames. She was very glad it had not been delivered to Barry.

CHAPTER VIII

Mother and Daughter.

Rachel Gwyn was seated at the parlor window when Viola entered the house. "May I have a word with you, mother?" said the girl, from the doorway, after waiting a moment for her mother to take some notice of her presence.

She spoke in a very stiff and formal manner, for there had been no attempt on the part of either to make peace since the trying experiences of early morning. Viola had sulked all day, while her mother preserved a stony silence that remained unbroken up to the time she expressed a desire to be alone with Kenneth when he called.

Apparently Mrs. Gwyn did not hear Viola's question. The girl advanced a few steps into the room and stopped again to regard the motionless, unresponsive figure at the window. Mrs. Gwyn's elbow was on the sill, her chin resting in the hand. Apparently she was deaf to all sound inside the room.

A wave of pity swept over Viola. All in an instant her rancor took flight and in its place came a longing to steal over and throw her arms about those bent shoulders and whisper words of remorse. Desolation hung over that silent, thinking figure. Viola's heart swelled with renewed anger toward Kenneth Gwynne. What had he said or done to wound this stony, indomitable mother of hers?

The room was cold. The fire had died down; only the huge backlog showed splotches of red against the charred black; in front of it were the faintly smoking ashes of a once sprightly blaze. She shivered, and then, moved by a sudden impulse, strode softly over and took down from its peg beside the fireplace the huge turkey wing used in blowing the embers to life. She was vigorously fanning the backlog when a sound from behind indicated that her mother had risen from the chair. She smiled as she glanced over her shoulder.

"I met my brother out there in the grove," said she. "I thought maybe you and he had been discussing Barry Lapelle and me and what happened last night, so I started to give him a piece of my mind. He knew all about it, even if he did not get it from you, mother," said the girl, darkly. "Phin Striker told him everything."

"Everybody in town will know about it before the week is out," said the mother, a touch of bitterness in her voice. "I would have given all I possess if it could have been kept from Kenneth Gwynne. Salt in an open sore, that's what it is, Viola. It smarts, oh, how it smarts."

Viola, ignorant of the true cause of her mother's pain, snapped her fingers disdainfully.

"That's how much I care for his opinion, one way or the other. I wouldn't let him worry me if I were

The Room Was Cold. The Fire Had Died Down.

you, mother. Let him think what he pleases. He comes here and the very first thing he does is to—"

"He will think what he pleases, my child," broke in her mother; "so do not flatter yourself that he will be affected by your opinion of him. We will not discuss him, if you please. He will go his own way and we will go ours. There need be no conflict between us. What did he say to you out there?"

"He was abominable! Officious, sarcastic, insolent—"

"In plain words, he gave you a good talking to," interrupted Mrs. Gwyn, rather grimly.

"He said some things I can never forgive."

"About you and Barry?"

"Well—not so much about me and Barry as about the way I— Oh, you needn't smile, mother. He isn't going to make any fuss over Barry. He told me in plain words that he did not care whether I married him or not—or ran away with him, for that matter. And now I have something I want to say to you. We may as well have it out now as any other time. I am going to marry Barry Lapelle." There was a ring of defiance in her voice.

Rachel Gwyn looked at her steadily for a moment before responding to this out-and-out challenge.

"I think it would be only fair of you," she began, levelly, "to tell Mr. Lapelle just what he may expect in case he marries you. Tell him that you will never receive a penny or an inch of land when I die. I shall cut you off completely. Tell him that. It may make some difference in his calculations."

Viola flared. "You have no right to insinuate that he wants to marry me for your money or your lands. He wants me for myself—he wants me because he loves me."

"I grant you that," said Mrs. Gwyn, nodding her head slowly. "He would be a fool not to want you— now. You are young, and you are very pretty. But after he has been married a few years and you have become an old song to him, he will feel differently about money and lands. I know Mr. Lapelle and his stripe. They run through with love as they run through with money—quickly. And when he has wasted all his love, Barry Lapelle will still want money to waste. Be good enough to make him understand that he will never have a dollar of my money to waste—never, my child, even though his wife were starving to death. I mean it!"

"Then," cried Viola, hotly, "you are the most unnatural, cruel mother that ever—"

"Stop! You will not find me a cruel and inhuman mother when you come creeping back to my door after Barry Lapelle has cast you off. I have nothing more to say."

"But I have something more to say," cried the girl. "I shall tell him all you have said, and I shall marry him in spite of everything. I am not afraid of starving. I don't want a penny of father's money. He did not choose to give it to me; he gave half of all he possessed to his son by another woman, he ignored me, he cut me off as if I were a—"

"Be careful, my child," warned Rachel Gwyn, her eyes narrowing. "I cannot permit you to question his acts or his motives. He did what he thought was best—and we—I mean you and I—must abide by his decision."

"I am not questioning your husband's act," said Viola, stubbornly. "I am questioning my father's act."

Mrs. Gwyn started. For a second or two her eyes wavered and then fell. One corner of her mouth worked curiously. Then, without a word, she turned away from the girl and left the room.

Viola, greatly offended, heard her ascend the stairs and close a door; then her slow, heavy tread on the boards above. Suddenly the girl's anger melted. The tears rushed to her eyes.

"Oh, what a beast I was to hurt her like that," she murmured, forgetting the harsh, unfeeling words that had aroused her ire, thinking only of the wonder and pain that had lurked in her mother's eyes. "The only person in all the world who has ever really loved me—poor, poor old mother." She stared through her tears at the flames, a little pucker of uncertainty clouding her brow. "I am sure Barry never, never can love me as she does, or be as kind and good to me," she mused. "I wonder—I wonder if what she says is true about men."

Later on, at supper, she abruptly asked:

"Mother, how old is Kenneth?"

Rachel Gwyn, started out of a profound reverie, gave her daughter a sharp, inquiring look before answering.

"I do not know. Twenty-five or six, I suppose."

"Did you know his mother?"

"Yes," after a perceptible pause.

"How long after she died were you and father married?"

"Your father had been a widower nearly two years."

"Why doesn't Kenneth spell his name as we do?"

"Kenneth was brought up to spell it in the new-fangled way, I guess," was Rachel Gwyn's reply. "You need not ask me questions about the family, Viola. Your father never spoke of them. He was a strange man. He kept things to himself. I do not recollect ever hearing him mention his first wife or his son or any other member of his family."

"I should think you would have been a little bit curious. I know I should."

"I know all that was necessary for me to know," said Rachel, somewhat brusquely.

"Where did you first meet father?"

She regretted the question the instant the words were out of her mouth. The look of pain—almost of pleading—in her mother's eyes caused her to reproach herself.

"Forgive me, mother," she cried. "I did not stop to think. I know it hurts you to talk about him, and I should have—"

To be continued.

WANT COLUMN

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.

Each word more than 25: One week, 1 cent and each additional week, ½ cent.

Purebred Jerseys.
STEPHEN R. ABBOTT,
Maplehurst,
R. F. D. 1, Bethel, Me.
12-5-tf

FOR SALE—A pair of horses weighing about 2100 pounds. Inquire at the Citizen Office, Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE—Cooking apples at 50c per bushel. Inquire of H. A. Lyon, Bethel, Maine. 12-13-tf

FOR SALE—75 Pureblood Rhode Island Reds and White Wyandottes. Inquire of Adrian Grover, West Bethel, Maine. 1-24

WANTED—Washing to do. Inquire of Mrs Hattie Vanhaw, Main St., Bethel, Me. 1-17-3t-p

HORSE TEAMS WANTED—To haul pulp and mill wood. Will pay by day or per cord. H. G. Bryant, Bethel, Me. 1-17

FOR SALE—A six-room house, with stable and two acres of land. House is furnace heated, electric lights, bath room, hot and cold water. About five minutes walk from post office. All in good condition. Inquire at the Citizen Office, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE—Set of two horse sleds. Inquire of M. L. Foster, Bethel, Maine. 12-31-p

FOR SALE—Twenty cords of good dry mountain wood. Inquire of HERBERT HARRINGTON, Bethel, Maine, R. F. D. 2, Tel. 22-12. 1-31-2t-p

NOTICE—FOR a limited time I will pay 12 cents per pound for No. 1 dressed pigs. W. C. BRYANT, Bethel, Me. 1-31

CORONA TYPEWRITER for sale. Used very little and in fine condition. Inquire at Citizen Office. 1-24-2t

DANCE—There will be a dance at Grange Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 1. Two prizes will be given for the best dancers. Good music. Come and have a good time

NOTICE

Whereas, my wife, Fannie D. Briggs, has left her home without any just cause, I forbid all people harboring or trusting her after this date on my account.

GEORGE BRIGGS,
Jan. 21, 1924 Albany Maine.
1-24-3t

LOST—A pair of brown kid, gauntlet gloves, Tuesday near Bryant's store or on the road on the south side of the river to Locke Mills, Bethel 1-31

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank to Class of 1925 of Gould's Academy and numbered 1987 has been destroyed or lost, and that they desire to have a new book of deposit issued to them.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK,
By A. R. Howard, Treas.
Bethel, Maine, January 22, 1924
1-24-3t

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all friends, neighbors and organizations for flowers and kind assistance, to Mrs. Wight for her singing, to Mr. Arbuckle for his words of comfort, and to Mr. Greenleaf for his thoughtfulness and courtesy, in our recent great loss.

R. W. Kimball,
Alice M. Kimball,
Lawrence D. Kimball,
Mr and Mrs J. H. Howe

THE
OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
BY D. M. FORBES
BETHEL, MAINE

Entered as second class matter, May 7, 1908, at the post office at Bethel, Maine.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1924.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Marion Bacon of Boston, Mass., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hazen Miller

Paul Fowler has moved to Frank Wilcox's place. tf

Miss Mary Henderson was at home on the week end

F. E. Bean and Fred Henderson have been harvesting the ice

Mrs. C. E. Bunker has been ill the past week but is better now

Walter L. Bryant has been hooking at Arch Henderson's the past week

Arthur Thurlow, who has been working for C. R. Wilson, is ill at A. R. Henderson's

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

signed from the Senate to enter the Harding Cabinet, and at first he was a great power in the Administration. Fall retired from the Cabinet, and it was then that the "tongues began to wag." Washington, with its intimate connections, whispered that President Harding had "lost confidence in Fall." So Fall prepared to "fade out of the picture," and left for New Mexico to build up his private properties and settle down on his big ranch. But he "built" so fast that there arose an impertinent curiosity as to where he had obtained the money for such extensive improvement. Curious neighbors, political enemies, and puzzled Washington, soon got together on a common basis, and all wanted to know the connection between the new Fall riches and the oil leases made by him as Secretary of the Interior. Fall's powerful friends in the Senate tried to "hush" the attempted inquiries. Sinclair and Doheny told about their lease favors to the Government in consenting to take the leases and pump petroleum from the bowels of the earth. They showed to their own satisfaction, at least, that they had not secured any unusual benefits. Like other beneficiaries of the public favors the men no doubt figured out that they should have "got more."

Finally, the Senate Committee asked Mr. Fall to explain the ugly rumors that were in circulation. Instead of appearing before the Senate Committee he wrote a letter, in which he expressed his indignation that suspicion should have been attached to his official acts. But the letter did not satisfy the Senate Committee or public, and so Fall wrote another letter in which he told how he was sick and unable to appear. He went into matters in some detail, and told how he borrowed a hundred thousand dollars from a Washington publisher. Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, who was conducting the inquiry for the Senate Committee, followed Fall down to Florida, where he took fresh testimony concerning the former Secretary and his alleged financial backer. Senator Walsh completely disproved all the claims made by Fall, and the latter hastened to make new explanations. But Fall was like the poet who complained two centuries ago that he "spelled everything when he failed to explain." In Washington the old correspondents hung their heads and refused to talk about the matter. Washington felt a humiliation uncommon to the history of the Capital, because the instances are rare when a Cabinet officer is even suspected of dishonoring the great trust he has occupied. The newspapers have told the rest of the story in the past few days how the son of former President Roosevelt resigned from the Sinclair companies and gave his testimony to the Senators, how Sinclair departed for Europe. And then Fall had to face the facts

MR. BOK AND THE SENATORS

"We'll make Bok come here and tell us about this propaganda" asserted a number of Senators angrily. When Mr. Bok replied that he would be pleased to appear before the Senate committee the Senators became more tractable, and said they "were going to find out about this peace propaganda." When Mr. Bok told the Committee his great purpose in trying to help America by supplying the money for the American Peace Award, they insisted on knowing "how much did it cost?" And when Bok said he didn't know, and wouldn't tell, the same Senators got mad all over again. In order to placate them Mr. Bok said he would submit the whole collection of more than 22,000 plans to the Senate, and let that body decide on the best plan, and that he would also put up a hundred thousand dollars for a prize and a national referendum. Even that didn't seem to satisfy the Senators

SONGO POND

Abner Kimball and crew have finished harvesting his ice and also J. S. Kirk's.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bunker went to Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Abner Kimball has a very sick horse, suffering with blind palsey.

Mrs. E. O. Donahue called on Mrs. A. R. Kimball, Tuesday

Mrs. Irving Bunker was a caller at Frank Berry's, Tuesday

Miss Eleanor Lovell of Locke Mills was a week end guest of her cousins at the Haygood farm

J. B. Good is cutting ice for E. O. Donahue

DO IT NOW

Bethel People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late

The appalling death-rate from kidney disease is due largely to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms often give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer may slip gradually into some serious form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer from backache, headaches, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once.

Doan's Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they act where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here's a case at home:

E. J. Hazelton, Chapman St., Bethel, says: Doan's Pills are certainly all right and I gladly recommend them. I had a severe spell of rheumatic trouble and my kidneys showed signs of disorder. My left leg was drawn up and painful and backache annoyed me continually. Doan's Pills were advised so I went to Bowerman's Drug Store and got three boxes. When I had finished taking Doan's, I was relieved."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Hazelton had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv

NEWSPAPERS TO TRAVEL WITH FIRST CLASS MAIL

As a result of several months of investigation and study by experts of the Post Office Department, Postmaster General New today issued the first definite, concise and complete program that has ever been put out by the Department for the mailing, transmission and delivery of newspapers.

This order is most important. It is far reaching. It gives the same expedition to newspapers as is accorded to first class mail.

The order is the result of painstaking effort on the part of the Post Office inspectors, under the direction of First Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett. Carefully worded and minute instructions have been issued to all employees engaged in handling the mails, so that there will be no possibility of misunderstanding the importance of getting newspapers to the reader with a minimum of delay.

The essence of the order is that newspapers shall not be mixed with parcels post at any point in their dispatch from the publishers' office until their delivery to the addressee. Papers shall be handled by themselves, and kept in constant transit, not being sent to railway terminals to be reworked. In other words, they are to be handled in the same manner as first class mail.

An important feature of the order is that no publication shall be given any less efficient or less expeditious treatment than at present. That means that publications other than newspapers will not suffer one iota from this progressive innovation, made by the Post Office Department.

Another striking feature of the order is the elimination of sacks of mail which are known to the business world as "mixed mail." Sacks of mixed mail some times contain letters, papers, and parcels post, and often times the entire contents were treated as parcels post. This order will prevent a recurrence of that condition.

Another important feature of the order is that postmasters are required to notify publishers in each instance when they do not hit the dispatch which they advertise to hit; also to notify publishers when they are sending to wrong addresses and to the addresses of deceased persons. Publishers will also be notified when they are putting up their mail in an incorrect manner.

Under the new system, newspapers will be made up in separate sacks plainly labeled with the word "NEWSPAPERS." If the are only a few copies of newspapers at the point of dispatch, they will be placed in pouches with first class mail or in separate sacks, even though the sacks are only partial ly filled.

This order means much to the American public. It is one of the most important and far reaching steps in post office history. It is for the benefit of those who desire to have their newspapers placed before them at as early a moment as possible. This should keep both the city and rural population in closer and quicker touch with their several fields of activities.

SKILLINGTON

Mrs. J. P. Skillings returned home from Boston, Thursday

Mrs. Percy Flanders has been sick with an abscess in her throat.

Mrs. Hutchinson has been on the sick list

Burt Sanborn is working in the mill for J. P. Skillings.

Mrs. Maud Seaborn is having trouble with her eyes.

Mrs. Frank Heath has been ill but is improving.

PUBLIC UTILITIES HEARING

Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, re Overhead Bridge, Bethel, Maine.

To The Public Utilities Commission:

The Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, a corporation created by and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Dominion of Canada, and, by authority of the laws of the State of Maine, Lessee of all the property, rights and franchises of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maine, respectfully represents that it is necessary to reconstruct the present overhead bridge passing over the railroad and right of way of said Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad Company in the Town of Bethel, County of Oxford and State of Maine; that in the reconstruction of said bridge it is proposed to raise the level thereof so that the clearance shall be twenty-two (22) feet and six (6) inches and to change the grade of the approaches thereto from a five per cent. grade to a seven per cent. grade made necessary by the increase in height of said bridge, as now constructed, said present construction being in accordance with the order and decree of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of Maine, dated the seventh day of June, A. D. 1907.

And your Petitioner further says that it is informed and believes that the owners of land adjoining said bridge are: Dan R. Smith and the Morrill, Springer Company and Fred L. Douglass all of said Bethel on the North Side of said bridge, and Albert Brooks and Bessie Martin of said Bethel, owners of land on the South Side of said bridge.

A plan showing the proposed bridge as reconstructed and the location thereof is filed herewith as part of this petition.

(Said plan is on file with the Commission.)

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honourable Commission will fix a time and place for hearing on this petition and will order such notice as to the time, place and purpose of said hearing as may be deemed proper, and that at such hearing your Honourable Commission will order the bridge aforesaid to be raised and changed as herein prayed for, and will fix the height of said bridge on the approaches thereto and will order such changes in the existing conditions as it may deem necessary.

Dated at Portland, this twenty third day of January, A. D. 1924.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY OF CANADA
Lessee of Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad Company
By
H. P. Sweetsir, Its Attorney

On the foregoing application, which is hereby made a part of this order, it is ORDERED

(1) That a public hearing be held at the Passenger station of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada at Bethel, Maine, on February 7, A. D. 1924, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon;

(2) That the Clerk of this Commission give notice of said hearing to Dan R. Smith, Albert Brooks, Bessie Martin, Fred L. Douglass, all of Bethel Maine; by causing to be sent by registered mail to each, a copy of this order, certified by said Clerk, ten (10) days at least before the date of said hearing;

(3) That said Clerk give notice of said hearing to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, Lessee of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad Company, by causing to be sent by registered mail to H. P. Sweetsir, Esq., Attorney for said companies, Portland, Maine; to the Merrill Springer Company by causing to be sent by registered mail to the President of said Company, Bethel, Maine, like copies of said order all ten days at least before the date of said hearing;

(4) That said Clerk give notice of said hearing to the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel by causing to be sent by registered mail to the Town Clerk of said Town a like copy of said order ten (10) days at least before the date of said hearing;

(5) That said Clerk deliver like copies of said order to the Attorney General for the State of Maine and to the State Highway Commission, all ten (10) days at least before the date of said hearing.

Given under our hand and seal of the Public Utilities Commission at Augusta, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1924.

CHARLES P. GURNEY,
HERBERT TRAFTON,
ALBERT GREENLAW,
Public Utilities Commission of Maine

L. S. Attest
Geo. P. Gilldings, Clerk.

SIGNED
A true Copy
Attest (signed) Geo. P. Gilldings, Clerk.

Sealed

Received and copied for Selectmen, January 29, 1924.

ALICE F. BROOKS,
Town Clerk, Bethel, Maine

CONDITIONS GOOD AT CAMP DEVENS FOR CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

Statements have appeared in some New England newspapers recently as to the condition of Camp Devens, the tenor of such articles making it appear that the camp is not in good order and questioning the advisability of continuing the Citizens' Military Training Camp training at that place. To secure first hand information to guide him in making plans for the camps this coming summer Colonel Blanton Winship, Citizens' Military Training Camps Officer of the First Corps Area, has just completed a personal inspecton of that portion of Camp Devens—the former Base Hospital Area—which will be used for Citizens' Military Training Camps purposes next summer. Colonel Winship has expressed himself most positively as being more than pleased with the existing condition. In many years of Army service he has never seen quarters better suited for the purpose than those at Camp Devens. The buildings are clean and in excellent repair and it is difficult to understand how anyone having the slightest personal acquaintance with the actual state of the buildings could do other than commend conditions as they are.

Brigadier General M. H. Barnum, who is to be Commanding Officer of the 1924 Citizens' Military Training Camp, concurs in Colonel Winship's estimate of camp conditions. General Barnum believes that the casual observer during a hasty trip through the camp might obtain a false impression of its physical condition because of the absence of paint and the fact that salvage operations are underway. He states that the material in the buildings is almost as good as when they were built, and recalls the fact that when Secretary of War Weeks visited the camp last year he quickly became convinced that reports that the buildings used by the Citizens' Military Training Camp are dilapidated were entirely unjustified.

Before the camp was located a board of competent high ranking officers of the Army made a careful survey of all New England to determine the best possible place in which to locate a camp for use during the war, and the site near Ayer was chosen. In the face of the expert opinion of this board, which gave much time and study to the subject before the selection of this site, it would seem very hasty for anyone else to condemn it.

The objection has been made that the camp furnishes but little opportunity for recreation either in the way of a large town or natural resorts. However, there is the Liberty Theatre, where first-class moving pictures are presented every evening; there are the finest of swimming facilities in two large ponds which are fully and admirably equipped, there are ample facilities for baseball, volley-ball, tennis and track athletics, and there are several well equipped recreation buildings, where entertainments can be held and where students congregate when off duty. Band furnish concerts every evening. It is difficult to see what more could be desired during a training period. The camp authorities feel that the distance of Camp Devens from a large city is an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Camp Devens contains upwards of 4000 buildings, some of them in poor condition, and these structures are being removed. But the former Base Hospital Area, that portion of the camp which is used for Citizens' Military Training Camps purposes, is in excellent repair and is well removed from the scene of such demolition as is in progress.

Barracks, mess halls, kitchens and recreation halls are clean substantial structures and far better suited to the purpose than any tents could possibly be. Throughout the entire area the quarters and mess halls are connected by covered ways, insuring a maximum protection in wet weather. The camp streets in the vicinity are evenly paved with tar macadam in serviceable condition.

The sanitary conditions of the camp are beyond praise. It is an ideal location for the concentration of troops. Even today those who criticize Camp Devens for other reasons can find only praise for the sanitary conditions there and have asserted that the history of the war-time camps has shown that Camp Devens was probably the healthiest of all the Army camp locations.

A student who could not be contented in such surroundings may well have grave doubts of his fitness to be a soldier.

No policing—i. e. "cleaning up" of rubbish—is required of Citizens' Military Training Camps students. The work is all instruction or purely military in character. Students as of course required to observe the strictest personal cleanliness and neatness. Nothing in the nature of hard or laborious work has ever been required in Citizens' Military Training Camps. The most anxiously interested parents who have personally inspected conditions at the camps have been loud in praise of what they saw.

RUMFORD POINT

Winter has come, 30 below zero on the 26th and 27th.

Farmers are harvesting their ice, which is 14 inches thick.

L. M. Hutchins is at McCarty's Hospital with an infected hand.

Ben Hutchins of Norway was in town last week to visit his father, H. E. Hutchins, who is very sick with heart trouble.

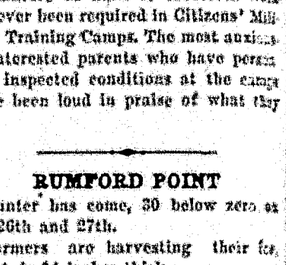
H. G. Elliott is hauling birch for G. M. Elliott.

Chester Ladd is in the porcupine business and has caught 27 to date.

New English Conveniences.

English Paper—"The day burglar is becoming quite the fashion." And Punch adds: "Really up-to-date houses, in fact, have a front door bell marked 'burglars.'" — Boston Transcript.

A Bottle of Milk is a Bottle of Health



DRINK MORE!

Drink more bottled milk. That's your guarantee of health. Buy it from us in Thatcher Bottles. That's your guarantee of *honest measure.*

A. F. CHAPMAN
BETHEL, MAINE

Jersey Milk

We Use Thatcher Honest-Measure Milk Bottles

When they say a Quart's Just mean it

Extra Heat

Now is the time you need just a little more heat in your Bath Room, Sleeping Room, or perhaps Living Room, and do not want to use any more wood or coal in the furnace.

The Florence Oil Heater

is what you need—
Maximum of Heat—
Minimum of Oil—
No smoke or odor—
Instructions how to use an Oil Heater successfully goes with each stove.

Buy the Best, at

Carver's

VOLUME XXIX—

WILLIAM DEX

Born July 2, 1849.

The subject of this
well known "far
Mills, one of the be
Oxford County," was
Nelson and Dolly An
and was born and rai
el.

He acquired his edu
lic schools of this tow
ing school turned his a
smith work. He enter
Jarvis C. Billings a
struction became a m
man with iron and st
in building wagons an

In 1871 he built t
Bethel wherein he ha
trade early and late u
ness to give up active
a heavy cross to him a
and energetic he de
day's work."

The sparks flying
'neath his well directed
and fit of the steel sh
eled, were magical bea
The ring of steel o
"chuck" of a staunchly
it rolled from his shop
phony to his ears.

Rugged and stern by
yet no child had ever
heart beating in its b
was more swift to go t
no hand more ready to
trouble than his.

In early manhood he
Frances Mason, only d
born and Mary (Miles)
sives him and has been
nurse throughout the m
ness. Eight children we
five sons and three daug
Ethel and Cecil, and o
died in childhood. Ha
son, lives in Gorham, N.
ployed by the Twin St
Claude is a traveling sa
sales in Portland; Will l
with the Riekers at Pola
has a nice home in th
married Walter Bartlett
is in Bethel village; Fran
est of the family, is a su
er, and is now attending
cal School at Castine, M

The children have be
father as much as possi
illness and the last mont
been in constant attendan
three grandsons, Wilber
Bethel, Manard and Ric
Gorham, N. H., and one g
Mrs. Dorothy Mills Am
mouth, N. H. Also one si
ma Maria Farwell of Br
and one brother, Gilbert
Bethel and several nieces

Funeral services were
Church, Tuesday afterno
Oliver speaking very te
bereaved ones. The floral
very beautiful, showing
of many friends.

The burial was in the
the cemetery at West Beth

When worn and weary wi
When the pathway has gro
When they falter 'neath
torture
God giveth His children s
And they rest from thei
struggle
In green pastures by still
Oh! and hearts 'tis a bless
God giveth His children
But some day in God's be
try
From which no one shall e
All shall wake from the sle
And be happy forever at H

Bethel, Maine, Feb. 3, 1924

MRS. RUBENA SWET

Mrs. Rubena Swett Dub
William Dubey of Norway,
at the Hebron Sanatorium

Mrs. Dubey was born in
daughter of the late Josi
Hancock Swett, and was ab
of age. She was educated i
schools of Bethel and attend
Academy for a time but wa
leave on account of ill hea
years ago she went to Norw
later married to Mr. Dubey

She is survived by her h
infant child, her mother, and

Funeral services were h
late home on Sunday, Rev.
was officiating.

CARD OF THAN

We wish to thank the peop
of for their kind words of sy
also for the floral tributes
cent bereavement.

Mrs. Minnie Poole and
Oxford, Maine, February 6,